

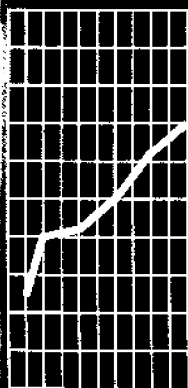


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PREFACE

South Australian Economic Indicators is a monthly publication which contains the latest available data at the time of preparation for a range of statistical series that have been identified as indicators of economic activity in this State. In a number of cases the figures presented are preliminary and subject to revision in subsequent issues.

Written and graphic commentary have been included for many of the selected series and analysis has been augmented with the calculation of the percentage change from the previous reference period together with the presentation of comparative Australian data.

Time series information has been included to provide a historical perspective on many of the selected indicators. Future issues may be expanded to include further historical data in response to expressed user needs. This product is under continuous review and any suggestions for enhancement will be welcomed.

More detailed information on each series, including explanatory and technical notes, can be obtained from other Australian Bureau of Statistics publications or alternative data sources. To assist those seeking further information a source publication for each of the series has been documented in the statistical summary.

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REVIEW

South Australian Overview

- Merchandise exports where the final stage of production was in South Australia were valued at \$411.6 million in July 1997, a 1.3% increase on June and 12.8% on July 1996.
- In July 1997 the value of merchandise imports released from Customs control in South Australia were \$377.0 million, a 32.4% increase on the previous month and a 42.1% increase on July 1996.
- The trend estimate for retail turnover increased by 0.8% in July 1997.
- The trend for total new vehicle registrations in July 1997 decreased 0.3% and is the second month of decline after seven months growth.
- The trend estimate at current prices for private new capital expenditure in South Australia for the June quarter 1997 rose by \$5 million (0.8%) to \$639 million.
- Supply and demand for accommodation in hotels, motels and guesthouses were largely unchanged in June quarter 1997 compared with June quarter 1996.
- The trend estimate for the total number of dwelling unit approvals increased by 0.3% in July 1997.
- The total value of building approved in July 1997 was \$187.0 million, of which \$51.1 million was new residential building and \$125.1 million non residential building.
- During the June quarter 1997 the Price Index of Established Houses in Adelaide fell 0.3% and the Project Home Index decreased 0.7%.
- At 31 March 1997 the estimated resident population of South Australia was 1,478,689.
- There were 4,271 short term overseas visitor arrivals to South Australia during June 1997 in contrast to the 12,052 short term resident departures overseas.
- The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia was 661,600 in August 1997, slightly higher than the level (659,600) in August 1996.
- The trend unemployment rate for South Australia has remained flat at 9.7% in August 1997.
- There were 100 working days lost through industrial disputes during June 1997.
- Total housing finance commitments (original figures including alterations and additions) decreased 4.1% to \$254.2 million.

State Accounts

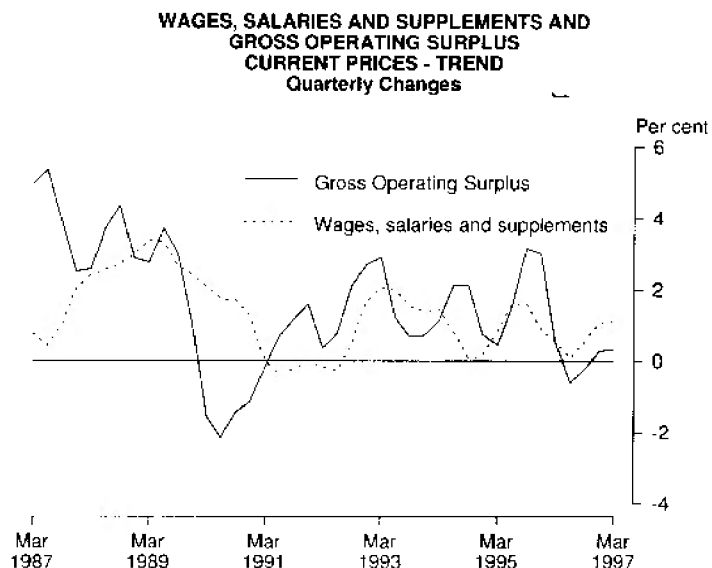
NOTE: Deficiencies in the data sources used to estimate gross operating surplus for recent quarters may at times lead to the current price estimates of gross state product GSP(I) being under or over stated for particular States. Consequently, the measured growth rate for constant price GSP(I) for those States will also be affected.

The constant price series for gross state product (GSP) have been labelled as 'experimental'. Users are cautioned that these estimates are derived indirectly by calculating a deflator from the expenditure components. It is emphasised that, at times, movements that can not be fully explained may be introduced into the constant price GSP(I) series through the use of this proxy deflator.

*Trend Estimates
(Current Prices)*

Growth in GSP of 0.8% in the March quarter was the highest recorded since the December quarter 1995. Despite this increase, the growth of 1.3% through the year to March quarter 1997 was the lowest for any State.

Contributing to the March quarter growth was an increase of 1.1% in wages, salaries and supplements. The annual increase through to March quarter 1997 was 2.9% compared with the national increase of 6.6%.



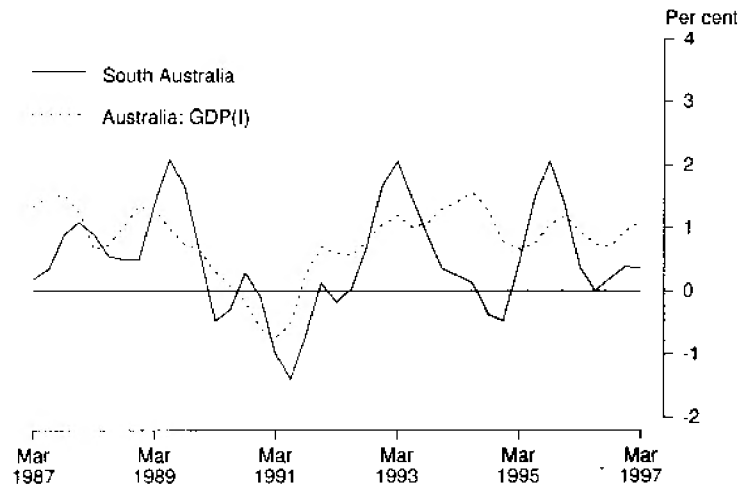
Gross operating surplus increased by 0.3% in the March quarter following similar weak growth in the December quarter 1996. A fall of 0.2% was recorded for the year to March quarter 1997.

Indirect taxes less subsidies increased by 0.7% in the March quarter, the largest increase since March quarter 1996.

*Trend Estimates
(Constant Prices)*

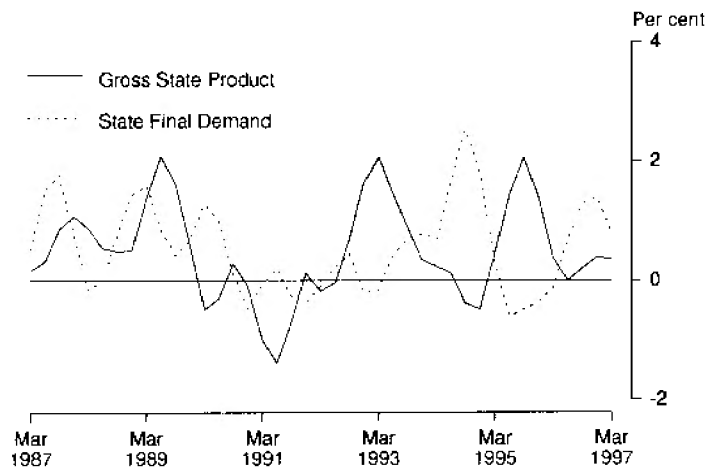
The experimental estimate of GSP at constant prices grew by 0.4% (1.1% nationally) in the March quarter and by 1.0% in the year to March 1997, considerably below the national average of 3.6%.

**GROSS STATE PRODUCT - TREND
(CONSTANT PRICES)
Quarterly Changes**



State final demand (SFD) increased by 0.8% in the March quarter and has, for the past four quarters, grown at a faster rate than GSP. Contributing to the growth in SFD was a 1.8% increase in private gross fixed capital expenditure which has shown the highest annual growth to March quarter 1997 (24.1%) of any State.

**GROSS STATE PRODUCT AND
STATE FINAL DEMAND - TREND
(CONSTANT PRICES)
Quarterly Changes**



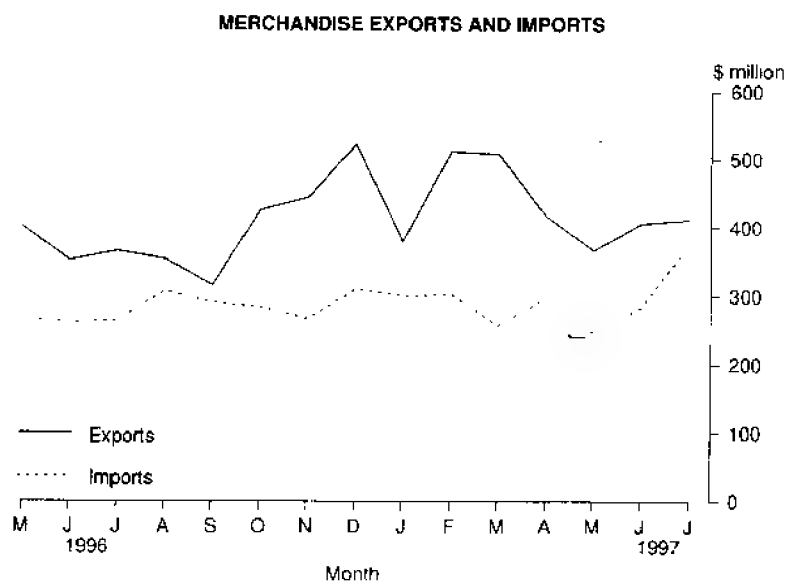
Private final consumption expenditure grew by 0.3% in the March quarter, the same rate as for the previous two quarters. The increase of 1.2% through the year to the March quarter 1997 was the second lowest of any State and approximately half the national average (2.3%).

International Accounts

Exports

Merchandise exports where the final stage of production was in South Australia were valued at \$411.6 million in July 1997, a 1.3% increase on June and 12.8% on July 1996. The major commodity groups exported during the month were road vehicles, parts and accessories worth \$53.1 million, metals and metal manufactures \$47.2 million, machinery \$41.2 million and wine \$38.8 million.

The major destinations of South Australian exports in July 1997 were the United States of America with \$75.8 million and Japan with \$45.8 million. Exports to China increased \$15.3 million to \$30.8 million in July 1997. The Middle East was also another major destination for exports with \$33.0 million, up from \$19.8 million in June.



Imports

In July 1997 the value of merchandise imports released from Customs control in South Australia were \$377.0 million, a 32.4% increase on the previous month and a 42.1% increase on July 1996. The increase of \$92.2 million on the previous month was mainly the result of increases in the importation of machinery, up \$41.6 million to \$108.1 million, road vehicles, parts and accessories, up \$28.8 million to \$83.4 million and petroleum products, up \$27.2 million to \$66.5 million.

Consumption and Investment

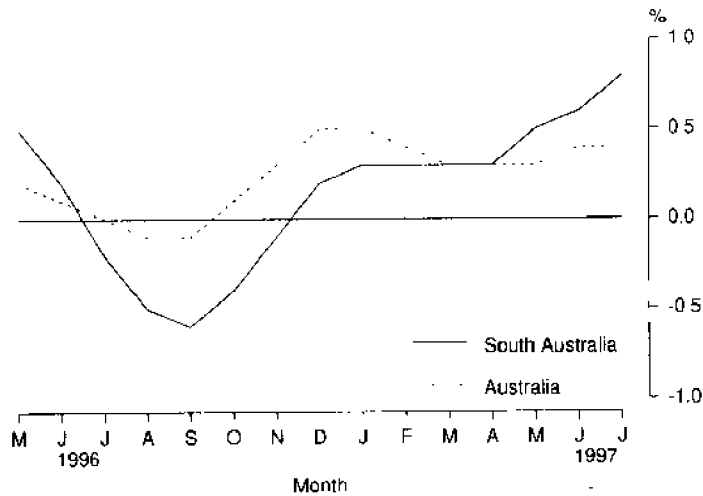
Retail Turnover

The trend estimate for retail turnover increased by 0.8% in July 1997 and has grown steadily since December 1996. The Australian trend estimate has recorded growth of 0.4% in both June and July 1997.

Over the three months to July 1997 the trend estimate has increased by \$15.3 million. The major contributors to this growth were clothing and soft good retailing (\$3.9 million), household good retailing (\$3.4 million), and other retailing (\$2.3 million). All other industry groups showed minor increases in this period.

In original terms, South Australian retail turnover was \$804.6 million, an increase of 5.0% on July 1996.

**RETAIL TURNOVER
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH
Trend Estimates**

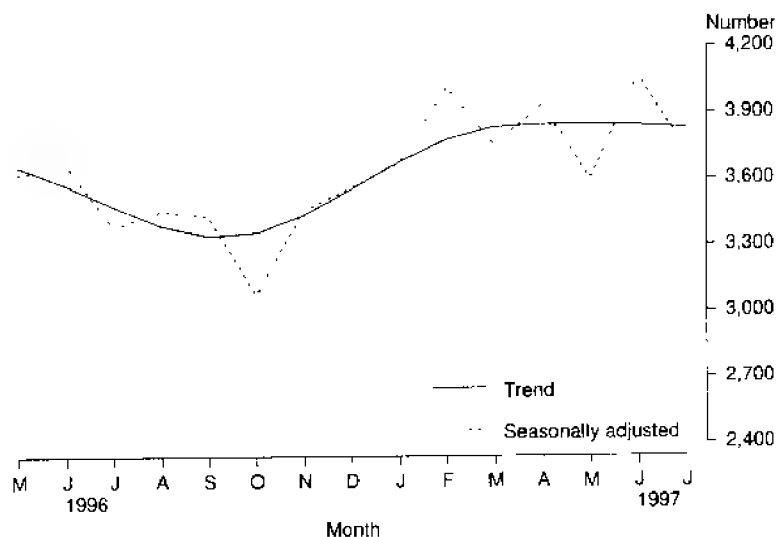


New Motor Vehicle Registrations

The trend for total new vehicle registrations decreased 0.3% in July 1997 and is the second month of decline. The Australian trend rose for the tenth consecutive month although the rate of increase has weakened.

In original terms there were 3,896 new motor vehicles registered in July 1997, a decrease of 12.2% on June and a 12.7% increase on July 1996. For new passenger vehicles, the leading makes registered in June 1997 were Mitsubishi (658 vehicles), Holden (630), Ford (583), Toyota (406) and Hyundai (270).

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS



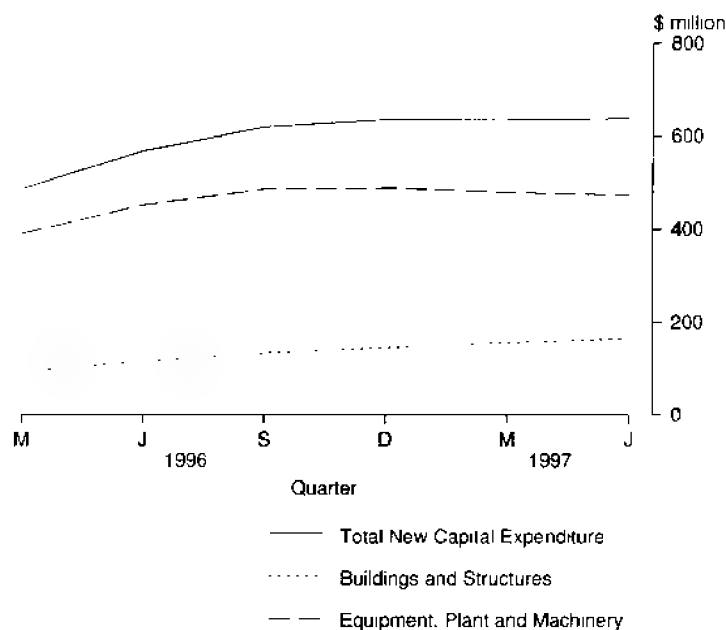
Private New Capital Expenditure

The trend estimate at current prices for private new capital expenditure in South Australia for the June quarter 1997 rose by \$5 million (0.8%) to \$639 million. Expenditure on buildings increased by 6.4%, while expenditure on equipment fell by 1.3%. The Australian total rose by 2.9%.

Private new capital expenditure in original terms for the June quarter 1997 was \$720 million, an increase of 32.1% from the June quarter 1996. Buildings and structures accounted for \$159 million, and equipment, plant and machinery \$561 million. For the 12 months ended June 1997, there was a 37.6% increase on the previous year, mainly due to the large capital expenditure by the mining industry, increasing from \$196 million to \$488 million.

Information on expected capital expenditure data is contained in the Forward Outlook on page 18.

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
TYPE OF ASSET
Trend Series



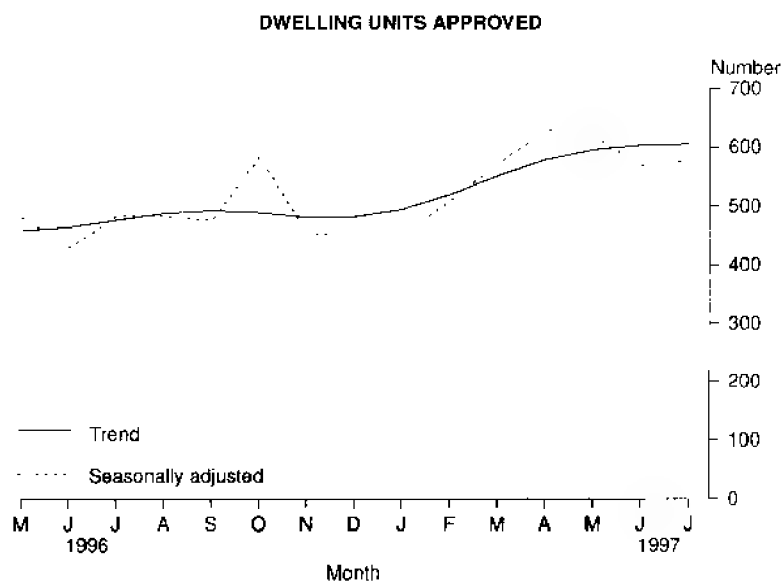
Tourist Accommodation

When June quarter 1997 is compared with June quarter 1996, the number of rooms available in hotels, motels and guesthouses in South Australia was largely unchanged, with 10,842 rooms. The room occupancy rate fell marginally to 51.1%. Takings from accommodation increased by 3.2% from \$39.1 million to \$40.4 million with the average takings per room night occupied rising from \$77 to \$80.

Production

Dwelling Approvals

The trend estimate for the total number of dwelling unit approvals increased by 0.3% in July following rises of 1.3% in June, 2.9% in May and 4.9% in April demonstrating that the rate of growth is slowing and will be halted unless the seasonally adjusted estimate for August increases by more than 8%. The total number of dwellings approved, in original terms for July 1997 was 634. Of these, private sector houses accounted for 571 and other residential dwelling units 47.



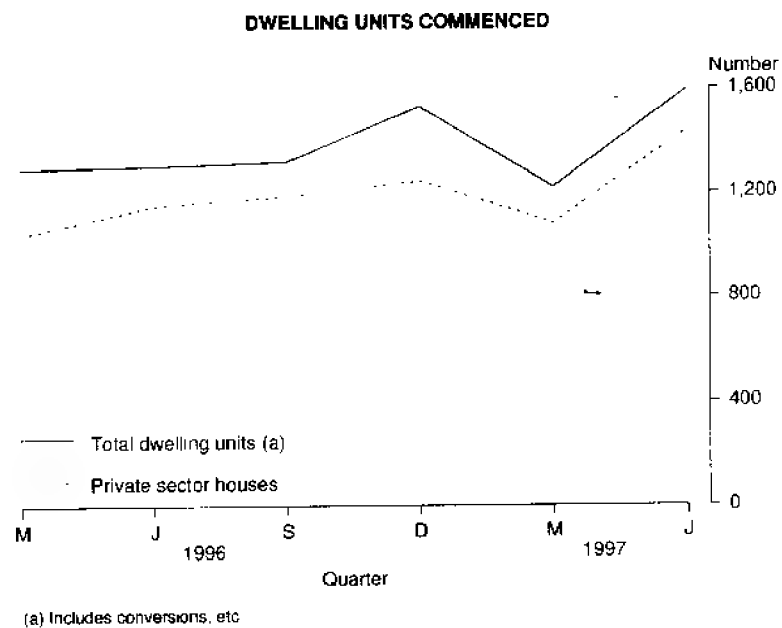
The trend in total dwelling units approved for Australia has declined for the fourth month falling by 1.3% in July 1997. Both private sector houses and other residential units also reflect this downward trend. In original terms, South Australia accounted for 5.0% of the total dwelling units approved in Australia during July 1997.

Dwelling Commencements

The trend for the number of dwelling units commenced rose by 8.3% in the June quarter 1997. This follows a rise of 6.6% in the March quarter 1997 and was 17.9% above the level of a year ago.

In original terms, 1,597 dwelling units were commenced in the June quarter 1997, an increase of 375 or 30.7% from the previous quarter.

During 1996-97 there were 5,671 dwellings commenced, a decrease of 4.8% from 1995-96. The number of new houses commenced fell by 1.1% to 5,014 and new other residential dwellings fell by 24.3% to 632.



Value of Building Approvals

The total value of building approved in July 1997 was \$187.0 million of which \$51.1 million was new residential building and \$125.1 million non-residential building. The value of non-residential building rose by 36.0% from June 1997 and is the highest since May 1996. Both factories (\$71.8 million) and entertainment and recreational (\$20.8 million) sectors were the main contributors to the value of non-residential building for July 1997 in South Australia, contributing over 70% to the total non-residential building value.

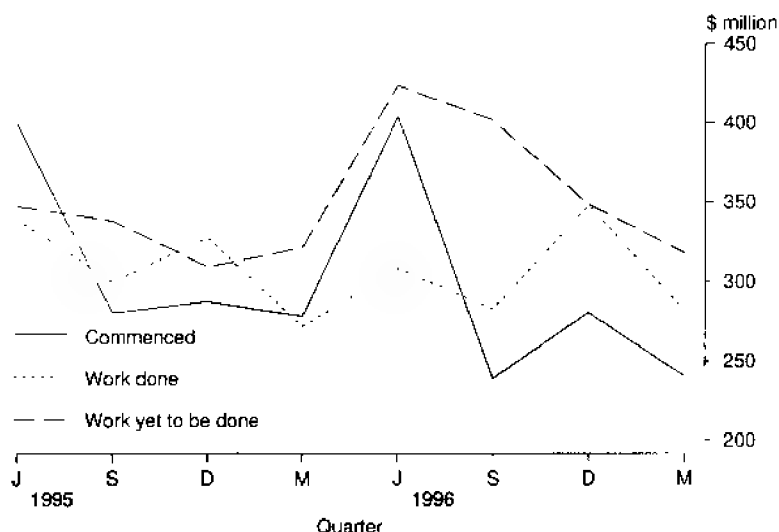
Value of Total Building Activity

The total value of building work commenced in South Australia during the March quarter 1997 fell by 14.3% to \$240.7 million. This decrease can be attributed to the residential building sector which had fallen 25.7% (to \$124.6 million) from the previous quarter.

The total value of building work done during the March quarter 1997 decreased by 18.9% to \$282.3 million with both the residential and non-residential building sectors recording falls of more than 13.0%. Nationally the value of work done also recorded a decrease, falling 9.2% to \$6,658.3 million.

For the March quarter 1997, the total value of building work yet to be done in South Australia was \$318.1 million, a decrease of 8.8% from the previous quarter while the corresponding national figure increased by 3.5%. Expressed as a proportion of the national total, the total value of building work yet to be done in South Australia was 3.2% for the March quarter 1997 down from the previous quarter of 3.6%.

VALUE OF BUILDING ACTIVITY



Value of Engineering Construction

In March quarter 1997, the value of engineering construction work done in South Australia remained constant at \$187.6 million compared with a 14.1% fall nationally. South Australia had a 5.7% share of the national total of \$3,318.7 million. The value of work commenced during the quarter increased by 13.4% to \$240.4 million for South Australia while the corresponding national figure fell by 17.1% to \$3,114.7 million. The South Australian proportion of national commencements was 7.7% for the March quarter 1997.

Manufacturing Production

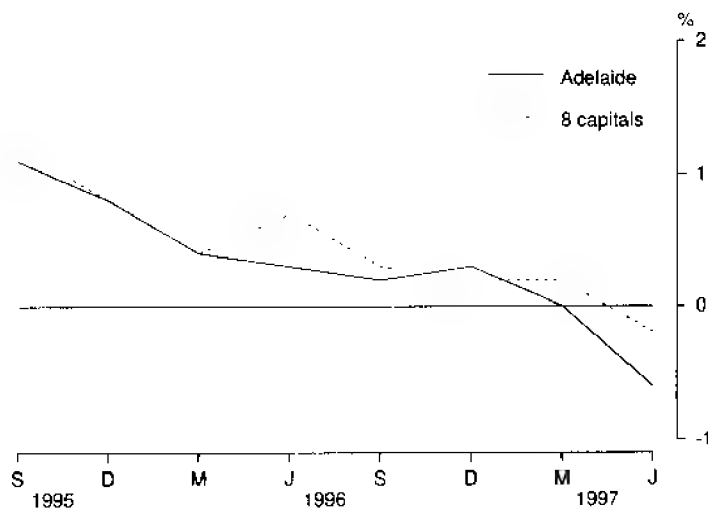
Note: The frequency of compilation and publication of Manufacturing Production will be reduced from monthly to quarterly. There is also a reduced range of data items collected on a State basis which will impact on the time series available on pages 38 & 39 of this bulletin.

Prices

Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (all groups) in Adelaide decreased by 0.6% between the March and June quarters 1997. A fall in the index was last recorded in June quarter 1992. Contributing most to the overall decrease for the June quarter were falls in mortgage interest charges, motor vehicles and fuels.

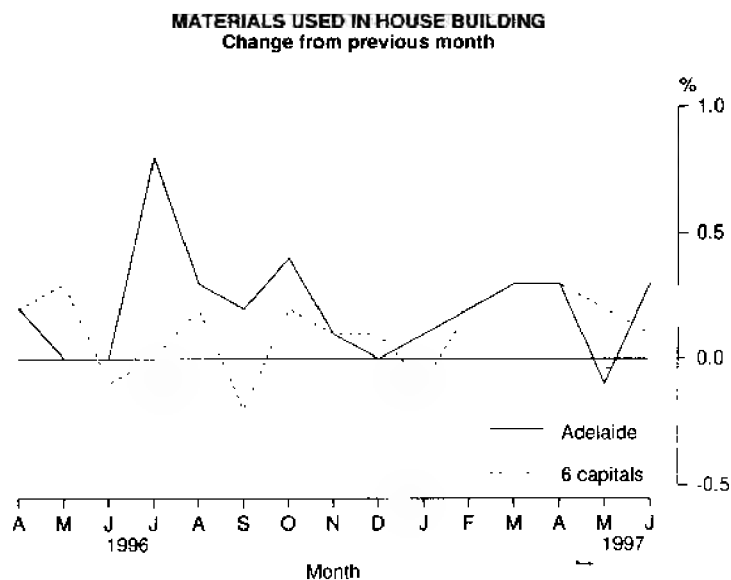
The annual movement in the Adelaide index was (-0.1%).

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
Change from previous quarter

House Building Materials

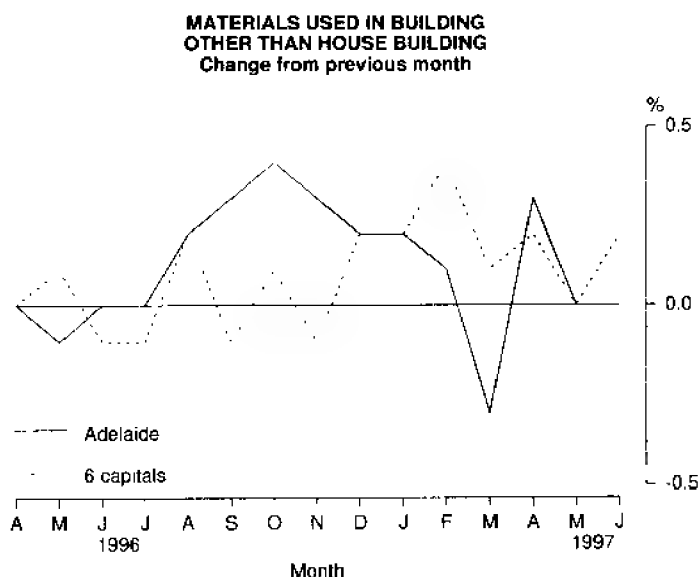
Adelaide recorded a rise of 0.3% in the Price Index of Materials used in House Building for the month of June. The main factor contributing to the rise was an increase in plastic pipes and fittings. The weighted average for the six State capitals rose 0.1% for the same period.

For the twelve months to June, a rise of 3.0% was recorded in the Index for Adelaide, with only a 1.4% rise for the weighted average of the six State capitals.

*Non-house Building Materials*

The Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building showed no movement in Adelaide for the month of June 1997. The weighted average of the six State capitals recorded a rise of 0.2% for the same period.

The Index shows a rise of 1.6% for the twelve months to June for Adelaide, with the weighted average of the six State capitals showing a 1.2% rise.



Note: The frequency of compilation and publication of the Building indexes will be reduced from monthly to quarterly. The June data is the last monthly release. From September 1997, the data will be released on a quarterly basis and data for that quarter will be included in the November edition of this bulletin.

House Prices

During the June quarter 1997 the Price Index of Established Houses in Adelaide fell by 0.3% and the Project Home Index decreased 0.7%. The weighted average of the eight capital cities index, over the same period showed a 1.3% increase for established houses and no change for project houses.

Over the year to the June quarter 1997 the Established House Price Index for Adelaide rose 1.0% whilst the Project Home Price Index fell by 4.6%. Nationally, the indexes showed a 2.8% increase and a 0.4% decrease respectively.

Passenger Transport Costs

The passenger transport cost index measures changes in the costs of operating a public transport passenger bus service in Adelaide. Costs covered include labour costs, leasing charges, registration and insurance, repairs and maintenance, fuel and overheads. The index has been compiled on a quarterly basis from September 1995 with a base of 100.0 in 1993-94. The June quarter 1997 index was 108.0, and showed no movement between March and June 1997. The index showed a 3.6% increase in the 12 months to June 1997.

Labour Force and Demography

Population

At 31 March 1997 the estimated resident population of South Australia was 1,478,689. This was an increase (1,916) persons from the December quarter. The continuing low growth for South Australia is attributable to a net outflow in interstate migration of 1,192 persons which was partly offset by a net inflow of overseas migration of 1,228 persons. In the March quarter there was a natural increase of 1,880 persons.

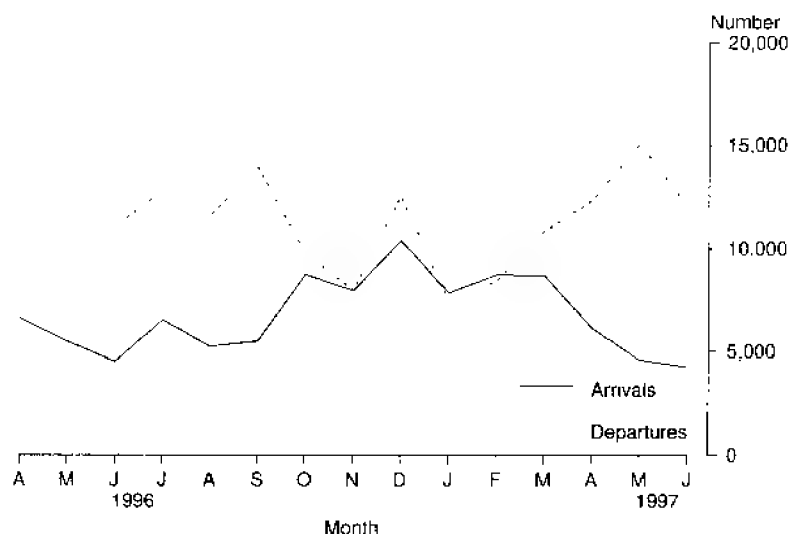
Short term Overseas Visitor Arrivals

There were 4,271 short term overseas visitor arrivals to South Australia during June 1997. This represents a fall of 7.0% from May arrivals and was 5.6% lower than June 1996. In contrast, arrivals to Australia increased, up 6.6% from May 1997 to 308,177. The South Australian share of short term overseas arrivals to Australia decreased to 1.4% in June 1997.

Short term Resident Departures

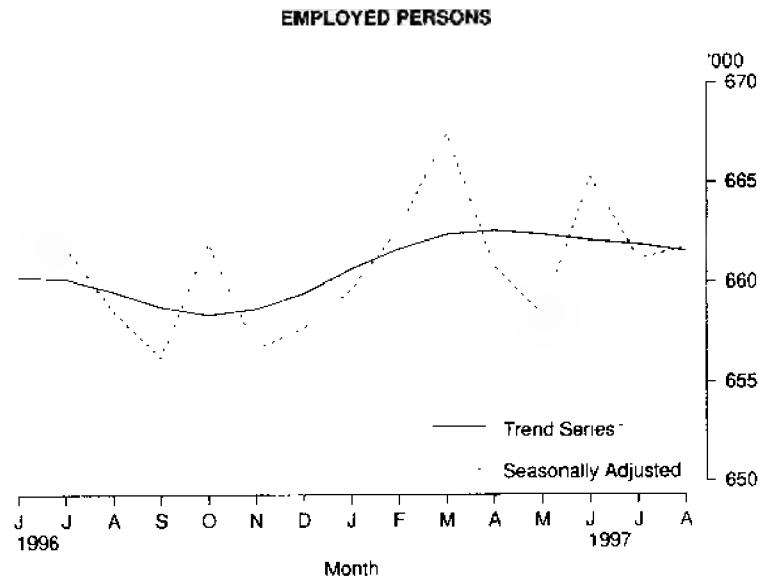
There were 12,052 short term resident departures overseas from South Australia in June 1997. This has fallen by 19.8% since May 1997, but represents an increase of 8.6% compared with the same time last year. Australia recorded a rise in resident departures in June 1997 when compared with May 1997 and June 1996, increasing 11.5% and 7.0% respectively. South Australia accounted for 4.3% of all short term resident departures from Australia.

SHORT TERM OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES



Employment

The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia was 661,600 in August 1997, slightly higher than the level (659,600) in August 1996. The main contributing factor has been a rise in full-time employment of 0.7% over the past twelve months.



Unemployment

The trend unemployment rate for South Australia has remained flat at 9.7% in August 1997. However, this rate is still higher than the 9.4% recorded in August 1996.

In August 1997, the median duration of unemployment, (one half of all observations lie above this value, and the other half below) was 31 weeks, up from the 26 weeks recorded twelve months ago, and the highest August value since 1993 (when the median peaked at 32 weeks).

In original terms, the teenage full-time unemployment rate was 28.7% in August 1997, compared with 35.5% in August 1996. After reaching a recent high of 42.7% in April 1997, the rate has fallen for four consecutive months.

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Australia has remained at 8.7% for the whole year.



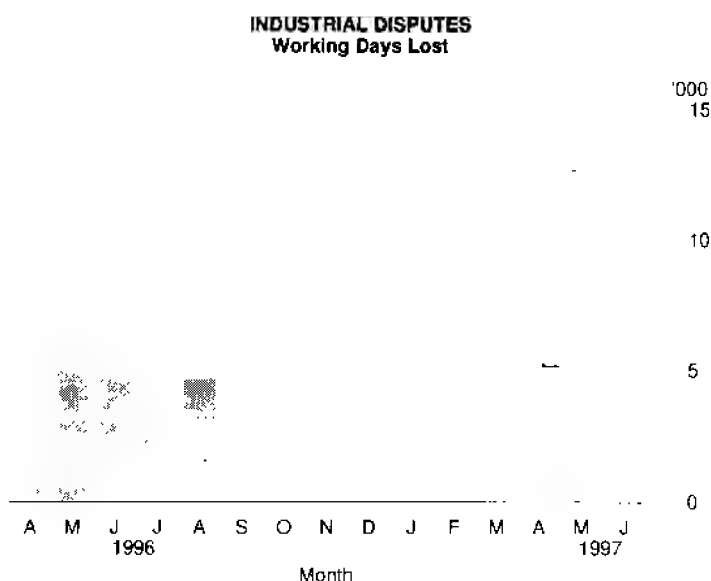
Overtime

In original terms, the proportion of employees who worked overtime in South Australia in May 1997 was 15.9%. This was lower than the May 1996 estimate of 16.1%.

In May 1997, employees who worked overtime in South Australia recorded an average of 6.8 overtime hours per week. This was higher than the 6.6 overtime hours recorded a year earlier.

Industrial Disputes

There were 100 working days lost through industrial disputes in South Australia during June 1997. Tasmania and Northern Territory were the only other States/Territories with less industrial disputation. South Australia accounted for less than 1% of the Australian total. The number of working days lost in South Australia for the year ending June 1997 was 15,100, a decrease of 17,900 over the preceding 12 months.



Incomes

Average Weekly Earnings

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adult male employees in South Australia has increased by 1.6%; up from \$682.30 in February 1997 to \$692.90 in May 1997. For females, the corresponding increase was less pronounced at 0.9%; up from \$579.30 in February 1997 to \$584.40 in May 1997.

Between February 1997 and May 1997, the trend estimate of average weekly total earnings of all employees (including part-time workers) in South Australia rose by 1.3% to \$536.20. Over the same period, the national level increased by 0.5% to \$546.60.

Note: Since it is an average of earnings across all employees, changes in average weekly earnings may occur through changes in employment as well as changes in pay levels.

Award Rates of Pay

In the 12 months to June 1997, the weekly award rates of pay index for full-time employees in both South Australia and Australia increased by 1.4%.

Note: June was the last month of issue of this index. It will be replaced by a wage costs index, due for release in May 1998 and covering the December 1997 quarter. Non-wage costs, for example fringe benefits tax and payroll tax, will be added in consecutive stages to produce a composite labour costs index. This indicator should be available in early 1999.

Financial Markets

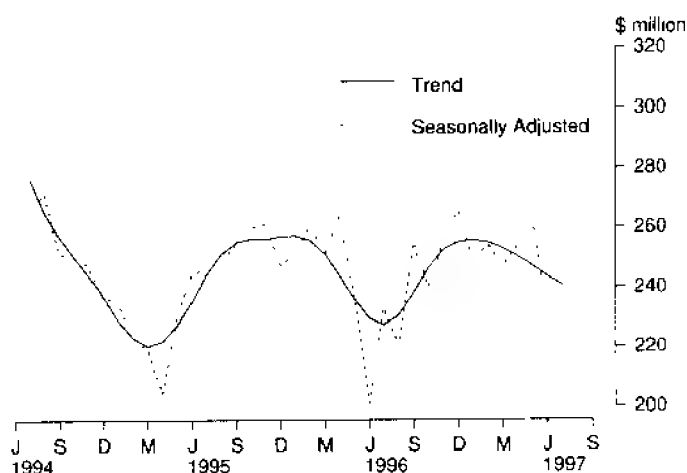
Housing Finance

The trend estimate for total dwellings financed in July 1997 fell by 1.2% to \$240.8 million, the fifth consecutive monthly decrease. Seasonally adjusted, the value of commitments in South Australia was \$234.7 million, up 1.1% on June.

Total housing finance commitments (original figures including alterations and additions) decreased 4.1% to \$254.2 million, 2.0% below the previous July. Nationally, there was an increase of 5.4% for the month, 5.9% above the previous July. The State's housing commitments dropped to 5.3% of the national total. The average borrowing size was \$81,000 compared with the Australian average of \$110,700.

Construction of dwellings decreased 6.8% to \$31.6 million continuing the fall from the three year high recorded for May. The past four months have been significantly above the corresponding months of the previous year. Commitments for the purchase of established dwellings (the main category) were down 7.0% to \$148.4 million, marginally below the previous July. Commitments for newly erected dwellings were up 14.7% to \$8.0 million. Refinancing increased 4.7% to \$55.4 million, 3.4% below July last year. Alterations and additions decreased 9.0% to \$10.8 million, half the previous July and representing 4.2% of total commitments.

**SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS
TO INDIVIDUALS (ALL LENDERS)
(Excluding Alterations and Additions) —
Monthly Total**



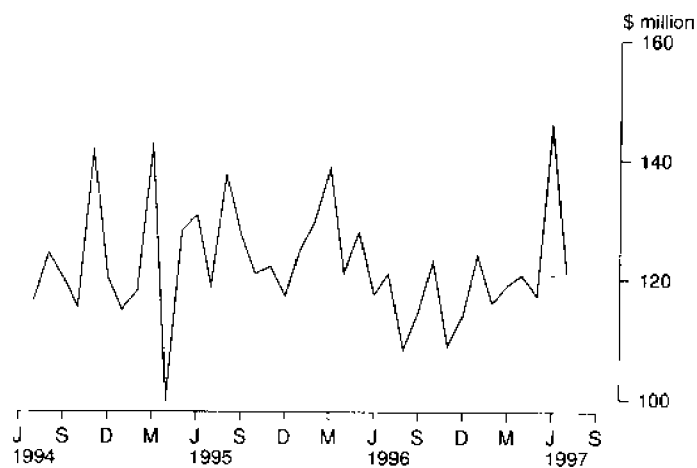
Personal Finance

Total commitments rose 3.1% to \$257.4 million in July due to the large increase in revolving credit commitments particularly unsecured credit limits which offset the fall in fixed loan facilities. Nationally, total commitments rose 12.5% to be 21.6% above July 1997 with the major increase also being in revolving unsecured facilities.

Total South Australian revolving credit facilities increased 31.1% to \$136.3 million, with unsecured credit facilities up 79.8% to a record \$82.2 million. This increase was spread over credit card and other facilities made available particularly by banks and credit unions. Secured revolving credit facilities decreased 7.1% in July to \$54.1 million. (Note: There are difficulties at present in obtaining reliable State secured commitments under revolving credit facilities).

Fixed loan commitments decreased 16.9% to \$121.1 million following the record June figure. The largest decrease was for refinancing down 33.9% to \$17.5 million, 29.0% below the previous July. Used motor vehicles and station wagons decreased 15.6% to \$37.6 million from the June peak. New motor vehicles and station wagons decreased 6.5% to \$14.5 million, following three high months. The largest increase was for debt consolidation up 6.9% to \$13.8 million, 7.8% above the previous July.

PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS
FIXED LOAN COMMITMENTS
(ALL LENDERS)
Monthly Total

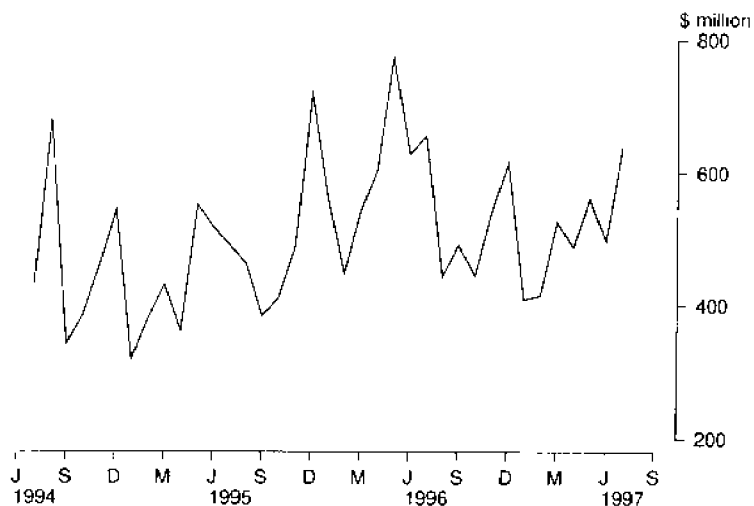


Commercial Finance

Total commercial finance commitments increased 28.6% to \$640.2 million, 2.5% below July 1996. South Australia's proportion of the national total rose to 4.0%. All the past eight months have been below the corresponding months of the previous year.

Commitments under fixed loan facilities increased 17.6% to \$419.3 million, the sixth consecutive monthly increase. The main increases were property and business services (up \$33.8 million), community services (up \$25.3 million), construction (up \$22.9 million) and agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (up \$14.5 million). The main decline was the other industries category which dropped \$58.7 million from the very high June figure.

COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS
Monthly Total



Revolving credit facilities increased 56.3% to \$220.9 million, 2.8% of the national total and 33.4% below July 1996. The main increases were for agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, up \$27.6 million to \$47.5 million, and construction, up \$16.0 million to \$26.1 million. The main fall was for recreational, personal and other services which decreased \$17.6 million to \$10.6 million following a high June.

Lease Finance

New finance lease commitments decreased marginally to \$30.0 million from the June peak. This was 31.5% above the previous July. Nationally the decrease for the month was 7.0%, 21.5% above the previous July. The South Australian proportion of the national total rose to 3.5%.

The main decreases were construction and earthmoving equipment, down 54.5% to \$1.3 million following two high months, and agricultural machinery and equipment, down 34.2% to \$2.0 million but 39.9% higher than the previous July. The main increase was for electronic data processing equipment, up \$1.9 million to \$2.7 million. New motor cars and station wagons not subject to depreciation increased 5.6% to \$6.8 million, the fourth consecutive monthly increase and 15.7% above July 1996. Manufacturing equipment declined only marginally from the June peak to \$4.9 million.

Forward Outlook

Composite Leading Indicator

The Composite Leading Indicator (CLI) is a single time series produced by aggregating eight individual economic indicators, and has been developed by the ABS as an experimental series to supplement existing forms of economic analysis and modelling.

The CLI summarises the early signals contained in a selection of economic indicators and is designed to assist the detection of turning points between successive expansions and slow downs of economic activity as measured by constant price GDP(A). It does not attempt to forecast the level of economic activity.

In the March quarter 1997 :

- the experimental CLI rose 0.11%, following rises of 0.23% and 0.22% in the September and December quarters respectively;
- the last turning point in the deviation from its long-term trend for average Gross Domestic Product GDP(A) was a peak in the March quarter 1996. The largest positive contribution came from the production expectations, while the largest negative contribution was from the (lagged) inverted real interest rate.

The quarterly data are released in more detail in the *Australian Economic Indicators* (Cat. no. 1350.0). The CLI was the topic of the Focus article in the September 1993 edition of *South Australian Economic Indicators* (1307.4). A review of the performance of the CLI and its components was published in the July 1997 issue of 1350.0.

Australian Business Expectations

Surveys of business expectations have been available to decision makers for a number of years from several sources. These surveys provided *qualitative* indicators in the form of the net proportion of businesses expecting a rise or fall in future business conditions. Since the December quarter 1993, the ABS has been compiling a *quantitative* indicator of business expectations in the form of an expected weighted aggregate change in a range of economic variables. These data are available on a quarterly basis in *Australian Business Expectations* (Cat. no. 5250.0).

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALIA SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES EXPECTED PERCENTAGE AGGREGATE CHANGE

Reference Period	Short term		Medium term	
	Expected aggregate change between		Expected aggregate change between	
	Mar. 1997 and June 1997	June 1997 and Sep. 1997	Mar. 1997 and Mar. 1998	Sep. 97 and Sep. 98
	%	%	%	%
South Australia	2.8	0.0	4.0	3.4
Australia	1.6	0.7	2.9	2.4

Short term

Businesses in South Australia expect no change in sales of goods and services in the September quarter 1997 compared with the June quarter while the Australian expectation was a 0.7% increase. Nationally, sales of goods and services are expected to increase in all industries except construction (-3.2%) and retail (-0.1%).

Medium term

Businesses in South Australia expect sales of goods and services in the June quarter 1998 to be 3.4% above June quarter 1997. The Australian expectation was for 2.4% growth. The South Australian expectation of 3.4% was the second largest of all States and Territories.

Expected New Capital Expenditure

State estimates of actual new capital expenditure by private businesses in Australia are compiled each quarter. Details appear on pages 6, 20 and 28 of this publication.

Each December businesses in the survey are asked for details of their longer term expectations for capital expenditure by State enabling estimates to be made for periods 6 months and 18 months ahead of the reference period. The collection of expectations in the December quarter survey also allows the derivation of a composite estimate (6 months actual plus 6 months expectations) for that financial year.

The following table shows the forward estimates made with the December 1996 collection.

EXPECTED PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Selected industries and type of asset	6 months to June 1997	1996-97	1997-98
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Mining	140	280	228
Manufacturing	642	1 051	702
Other	502	1 240	857
Total expenditure	1 284	2 571	1 787
Buildings etc.	302	596	511
Equipment etc.	982	1 975	1 276

Once actual expenditure for a financial year is known, it is useful to investigate the relationship between previous expectations and the expenditure that was actually incurred. The resultant realisation ratios (subsequent actual expenditure divided by expected expenditure) then indicates how much expenditure was actually incurred against the amount expected to be incurred at various times of reporting.

Realisation ratios provide an important tool in understanding and interpreting statistics for future periods. The application of realisation ratios enables the adjustment of expectation data for known under (or over) realisation patterns in the past and hence provides a valid basis for comparison with other expectation data and actual expenditure estimates.

The following table shows the average realisation ratios over the past 4 years for the composite estimate (6 months actual and 6 months expected) and the 12 month expectation from the December quarter surveys.

RATIOS OF ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO EXPECTED PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET - 4 YEAR AVERAGES SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Selected industries and type of asset	Composite estimate	12 month expectation
Mining	0.88	1.18
Manufacturing	0.97	1.06
Other	0.98	1.58
Total expenditure	0.96	1.25
Buildings etc.	0.96	1.53
Equipment etc.	0.96	1.19

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Indicator	Unit	Period	SOUTH AUSTRALIA			AUSTRALIA			SA as a % of Australia	Source index
			No.	% change from		No.	% change from			
				Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
State Accounts										
Gross domestic product (I)										
Current prices	\$m	Mar qtr 97	8,650	-12.4	1.9	124,332	-8.7	4.3	7.0	1
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Mar qtr 97	7,700	0.4	1.0	112,956	1.1	3.6	6.8	1
Wages, salaries and supplements										
Current prices trend	\$m	Mar qtr 97	4,477	1.1	2.9	64,444	1.4	6.6	6.9	1
Private final consumption expenditure										
Current prices	\$m	Mar qtr 97	5,639	-7.8	2.8	75,903	-7.6	3.6	7.4	1
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Mar qtr 97	4,944	0.3	1.2	66,873	0.6	2.3	7.4	1
Private gross fixed capital expenditure										
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Mar qtr 97	1,142	1.8	24.1	20,771	2.1	10.6	5.5	1
International Accounts										
Exports (excluding re-exports)	\$m	Jul 97	411.6	1.3	12.8	6,793.8	5.3	12.6	6.1	2
Imports	\$m	Jul 97	377.0	32.4	42.1	7,417.5	8.3	8.4	5.1	2
Consumption and Investment										
Retail turnover										
Current prices original	\$m	Jul 97	804.6	8.5	5.0	10,892.3	6.6	4.9	7.4	3
Current prices trend	\$m	Jul 97	808.5	0.8	1.7	11,002.6	0.4	3.4	7.3	3
1989-90 prices original	\$m	Jun qtr 97	1,909.2	3.5	-1.7	26,207.4	2.4	0.8	7.3	3
New motor vehicle registrations										
Original	No.	Jul 97	3,896	-12.2	12.7	62,102	-8.2	12.9	6.3	4
Trend	No.	Jul 97	3,830	-0.3	10.1	58,860	0.4	9.9	6.5	4
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices original	\$m	Jun qtr 97	720	38.2	32.1	11,771	18.2	-3.1	6.1	6
Current prices trend	\$m	Jun qtr 97	639	0.8	12.9	11,197	1.7	3.4	5.7	6
Private new capital expenditure	\$m	1996-97	2,577	..	37.6	43,714	..	8.0	5.9	6
Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guesthouses with facilities	\$m	Jun qtr 97	40.4	-6.2	3.2	853.2	-7.6	2.1	4.7	5
Production										
Dwelling unit approvals										
Original	No.	Jul 97	634	6.2	20.1	12,788	9.8	5.3	5.0	7
Trend	No.	Jul 97	606	0.3	27.0	11,614	-1.3	9.7	5.2	7
New dwelling units commenced	No.	Jun qtr 97	1,597	30.7	22.2	32,458	3.0	4.3	4.9	8a
Value of non-residential building approvals	\$m	Jul 97	125.1	36.0	198.6	1,645.5	53.3	84.7	7.6	7
Value of total building activity										
Commenced	\$m	Mar qtr 97	240.7	-14.3	-13.5	6,474.4	-10.7	-1.4	3.7	8
Work done	\$m	Mar qtr 97	282.3	-18.9	3.8	6,658.3	-9.2	11.5	4.2	8
Work yet to be done	\$m	Mar qtr 97	318.1	-8.8	-1.1	9,915.7	3.5	8.7	3.2	8
Value of engineering construction work done	\$m	Mar qtr 97	187.6	0.9	-3.9	3,318.7	-14.1	-2.9	5.7	9
Manufacturing production										
Electricity (SA and NT)	mill. kWh	Jun 97	806	-5.2	2.3	14,938	3.2	4.0	5.4	10
Cheese	tonnes	Apr 97	2,255	18.0	3.7	20,552	-7.0	3.8	11.0	10
Red meat	tonnes	Jul 97	15,472	-9.2	20.0	244,656	6.6	14.7	6.3	11
Mineral exploration expenditure (other than for petroleum)	\$m	Mar qtr 97	7.2	-10.0	41.2	237.8	-18.4	8.6	3.0	12

Indicator	Unit	Period	SOUTH AUSTRALIA			AUSTRALIA			SA as a % of Australia	Source index
			No.	% change from		No.	% change from			
				Previous period	Same previous year		Previous period	Same previous year		
Prices										
CPI - All groups	1989-90=100	Jun qtr 97	121.9	-0.6	-0.1	120.2	-0.2	0.3	..	13
Price index of materials used in house building	1989-90=100	Jun 97	121.8	0.3	3.0	117.1	0.1	1.4	..	14
Price index of materials used in building other than houses	1989-90=100	Jun 97	114.7	0.0	1.6	114.0	0.2	1.2	..	15
Price index of established houses	1989-90=100	Jun qtr 97	109.0	-0.3	1.0	116.8	1.3	2.8	..	16
Price index of project homes	1989-90=100	Jun qtr 97	106.9	-0.7	-4.6	109.2	0.0	-0.4	..	16
Labour Force and Demography										
Population (resident at end qtr)	'000	Mar qtr 97	1,478.7	0.1	0.5	18,492.0	0.4	1.3	8.0	17
Short-term overseas visitors arrivals	No.	Jun 97	4,271	-7.0	-5.6	308,177	6.6	0.4	1.4	21
Short-term resident departures	No.	Jun 97	12,052	-19.8	8.6	280,154	11.5	7.0	4.3	21
Labour force										
Original	'000	Aug 97	726.9	-0.5	0.4	9,080.1	-1.3	-0.1	8.0	18
Trend	'000	Aug 97	733.0	0.0	0.6	9,184.7	0.0	0.4	8.0	18
Employed persons										
Original	'000	Aug 97	659.3	-0.5	0.5	8,315.4	-1.6	-0.1	7.9	18
Trend	'000	Aug 97	661.6	0.0	0.3	8,390.2	0.0	0.4	7.9	18
Participation rate										
Original (a)	%	Aug 97	61.3	-0.4	-0.2	63.1	0.1	-0.3	..	18
Trend (a)	%	Aug 97	61.8	-0.1	-0.1	62.9	-0.1	-0.7	..	18
Unemployment rate										
Original (a)	%	Aug 97	9.3	0.0	0.5	8.2	0.0	0.2	..	18
Trend (a)	%	Aug 97	9.7	0.0	0.3	8.7	0.0	0.1	..	18
Job vacancies	'000	May 97	3.0	-18.9	25.0	58.1	-7.2	8.4	5.2	19
Average weekly overtime per employee working overtime	hours	May 97	6.8	3.3	3.0	7.0	-0.6	-3.6	..	19
Industrial disputes	'000 working days lost	Jun 97	0.1	-93.8	-98.0	29.6	-59.5	-78.0	0.3	20
Incomes										
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time)										
Original	\$	May 97	655.70	0.9	3.5	696.60	0.4	3.6	..	22
Trend	\$	May 97	656.20	1.2	4.0	696.70	0.7	3.8	..	22
Award rates of pay index (full-time adults, weekly)	Jun 1985=100	Jun 97	151.8	0.4	1.4	149.2	0.2	1.4	..	23
Financial markets										
Secured housing finance	\$m	Jul 97	254.2	-4.1	-2.0	4,831.3	5.4	5.9	5.3	24
Finance commitments										
Personal	\$m	Jul 97	257.4	3.1	36.7	3,868.6	12.5	21.6	6.7	25
Commercial	\$m	Jul 97	640.2	28.6	-2.5	15,934.3	3.6	9.5	4.0	25
Lease	\$m	Jul 97	30.0	-2.1	31.5	856.3	-7.0	21.5	3.5	25
Interest rates										
Banks new housing loans (a)	%	Aug 97	..	..	..	6.70	-0.5	-2.6	..	26
Banks business loans (a)										
small, medium sized business	%	Aug 97	..	..	..	8.75	-0.5	-2.0	..	26
large business	%	Aug 97	..	..	..	8.45	-0.5	-2.0	..	26

(a) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

TIME SERIES

STATE ACCOUNTS AT CURRENT PRICES South Australia

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital expenditure		State final demand	Gross State product (f)	Wages, salaries and supplements
	Private	Public	Private	Public			
ANNUAL (\$ million)							
1986-87	12,470	4,203	3,255	1,287	21,215	20,609	10,602
1987-88	13,748	4,392	3,964	1,196	23,300	22,828	11,230
1988-89	15,248	4,649	4,151	1,429	25,477	25,526	12,546
1989-90	16,474	5,003	4,488	1,577	27,542	27,969	13,954
1990-91	18,122	5,477	4,234	1,529	29,362	28,429	14,746
1991-92	18,958	5,812	4,021	1,429	30,220	28,719	14,718
1992-93	19,493	5,969	3,980	1,372	30,814	29,989	15,131
1993-94	20,464	6,678	4,007	1,191	32,340	31,970	16,243
1994-95	21,653	6,772	4,849	1,223	34,497	33,399	16,607
1995-96	22,875	6,818	4,083	1,068	34,844	35,474	17,318
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1987-88	10.2	4.5	21.8	-7.1	9.8	10.8	5.9
1988-89	10.9	5.9	4.7	19.5	9.3	11.8	11.7
1989-90	8.0	7.6	8.1	10.4	8.1	9.6	11.2
1990-91	10.0	9.5	-5.7	-3.0	6.6	1.6	5.7
1991-92	4.6	6.1	-5.0	-6.5	2.9	1.0	-0.2
1992-93	2.8	2.7	-1.0	-4.0	2.0	4.4	2.8
1993-94	5.0	11.9	0.7	-13.2	5.0	6.6	7.3
1994-95	5.8	1.4	21.0	2.7	6.7	4.5	2.2
1995-96	5.6	0.7	-15.8	-12.7	1.0	6.2	4.3
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)							
1993 - 94 - June	5,085	1,923	1,038	390	8,436	8,029	4,195
1994 - 95 - September	5,243	1,652	1,146	243	8,284	8,167	4,151
December	5,642	1,696	1,531	294	9,163	8,802	4,108
March	5,263	1,559	1,064	318	8,204	8,088	4,087
June	5,505	1,865	1,108	368	8,846	8,342	4,261
1995 - 96 - September	5,636	1,749	927	216	8,528	8,321	4,223
December	6,050	1,718	1,197	245	9,210	9,926	4,475
March	5,487	1,624	887	275	8,273	8,489	4,226
June	5,702	1,727	1,072	332	8,833	8,738	4,394
1996 - 97 - September	5,764	1,684	1,123	220	8,791	8,456	4,346
December	6,118	1,738	1,247	245	9,348	9,878	4,519
March	5,639	1,608	1,081	278	8,606	8,650	4,345
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)							
1993 - 94 - June	5,192	1,708	1,074	290	8,264	8,172	4,108
1994 - 95 - September	5,250	1,708	1,206	305	8,469	8,255	4,112
December	5,352	1,687	1,272	318	8,629	8,289	4,118
March	5,476	1,688	1,206	310	8,680	8,353	4,153
June	5,592	1,723	1,089	288	8,692	8,502	4,220
1995 - 96 - September	5,665	1,746	1,018	277	8,706	8,709	4,289
December	5,702	1,735	1,006	276	8,719	8,868	4,328
March	5,729	1,699	1,020	274	8,722	8,917	4,352
June	5,749	1,681	1,066	265	8,761	8,892	4,356
1996 - 97 - September	5,779	1,687	1,117	268	8,851	8,902	4,379
December	5,820	1,707	1,157	282	8,966	8,963	4,427
March	5,864	1,727	1,161	296	9,048	9,032	4,477
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND							
1994 - 95 - September	1.1	0.0	12.3	5.2	2.5	1.0	0.1
December	1.9	-1.2	5.5	4.3	1.9	0.4	0.1
March	2.3	0.1	-5.2	-2.5	0.6	0.8	0.8
June	2.1	2.1	-9.7	-7.1	0.1	1.8	1.6
1995 - 96 - September	1.3	1.3	-6.5	-3.8	0.2	2.4	1.6
December	0.7	-0.6	-1.2	-0.4	0.1	1.8	0.9
March	0.5	-2.1	1.4	-0.7	0.0	0.6	0.6
June	0.3	-1.1	4.5	-3.3	0.4	-0.3	0.1
1996 - 97 - September	0.5	0.4	4.8	1.1	1.0	0.1	0.5
December	0.7	1.2	3.6	5.2	1.3	0.7	1.1
March	0.8	1.2	0.3	5.0	0.9	0.8	1.1

STATE ACCOUNTS AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES
South Australia

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital expenditure		State final demand	Gross State product (I)
	Private	Public	Private	Public		
ANNUAL (\$ million)						
1986-87	14,958	4,850	3,621	1,442	24,871	25,260
1987-88	15,451	4,877	4,247	1,304	25,879	25,959
1988-89	16,084	4,879	4,279	1,500	26,742	26,720
1989-90	16,474	5,003	4,488	1,577	27,542	27,969
1990-91	17,169	5,210	4,093	1,480	27,592	27,697
1991-92	17,447	5,328	3,849	1,364	27,988	27,023
1992-93	17,491	5,358	3,696	1,292	27,837	28,077
1993-94	18,063	5,698	3,644	1,135	28,540	29,004
1994-95	18,838	5,830	4,415	1,156	30,239	29,064
1995-96	19,528	5,771	3,680	1,004	29,983	30,331
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1987-88	3.3	0.6	17.3	-9.6	4.1	2.8
1988-89	4.1	0.0	0.8	15.0	3.3	2.9
1989-90	2.4	2.5	4.9	5.1	3.0	4.7
1990-91	4.2	4.1	-8.8	-6.2	0.2	-1.0
1991-92	1.6	2.3	-6.0	-7.8	1.4	-2.4
1992-93	0.3	0.6	-4.0	-5.3	-0.5	3.9
1993-94	3.3	6.3	-1.4	-12.2	2.5	3.3
1994-95	4.3	2.3	21.2	1.9	6.0	0.2
1995-96	3.7	-1.0	-16.6	-13.1	-0.8	4.4
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)						
June 1994 - 95 -	4,470	1,596	938	373	7,377	7,093
September	4,593	1,422	1,042	232	7,289	7,133
December	4,927	1,444	1,425	281	8,077	7,782
March	4,560	1,368	954	298	7,180	6,948
June 1995 - 96 -	4,758	1,596	994	345	7,693	7,204
September	4,832	1,485	839	205	7,361	7,149
December	5,169	1,463	1,056	230	7,918	8,520
March	4,669	1,381	806	257	7,113	7,243
June 1996 - 97 -	4,858	1,442	979	312	7,591	7,405
September	4,894	1,421	1,080	206	7,601	7,252
December	5,176	1,440	1,212	229	8,057	8,657
March	4,749	1,352	1,057	258	7,416	7,306
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)						
1994 - 95 -						
September	4,603	1,454	1,103	290	7,450	7,239
December	4,670	1,451	1,164	300	7,585	7,204
March	4,756	1,464	1,096	293	7,609	7,237
June	4,829	1,483	979	272	7,563	7,342
1995 - 96 -						
September	4,866	1,490	908	262	7,526	7,493
December	4,876	1,468	896	260	7,500	7,598
March	4,885	1,429	920	257	7,491	7,626
June	4,897	1,408	989	248	7,542	7,627
1996 - 97 -						
September	4,911	1,412	1,065	250	7,638	7,642
December	4,928	1,431	1,122	263	7,744	7,672
March	4,944	1,444	1,142	276	7,806	7,700
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND						
1994 - 95 -						
December	1.5	-0.2	5.5	3.4	1.8	-0.5
March	1.8	0.9	-5.8	-2.3	0.3	0.5
June	1.5	1.3	-10.7	-7.2	-0.6	1.5
1995 - 96 -						
September	0.8	0.5	-7.3	-3.7	-0.5	2.1
December	0.2	-1.5	-1.3	-0.8	-0.3	1.4
March	0.2	-2.7	2.7	-1.2	-0.1	0.4
June	0.2	-1.5	7.5	-3.5	0.7	0.0
1996 - 97 -						
September	0.3	0.3	7.7	0.8	1.3	0.2
December	0.3	1.3	5.4	5.2	1.4	0.4
March	0.3	0.9	1.8	4.9	0.8	0.4

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP
Final stage of production in South Australia
(\$'000)

Period	Meat and meat preparations	Cereals and cereal preparations	Wine	Wool and sheepskins	Machinery	Metals and metal manufactures	Fish and crustaceans	Road vehicles, parts and accessories	Petroleum and petroleum products	Total
ANNUAL										
1988-89	181,058	475,481	71,474	415,098	104,163	239,656	95,720	124,815	189,679	2,451,372
1989-90	244,374	724,369	73,484	285,650	111,944	371,136	111,760	161,704	188,105	2,828,091
1990-91	234,299	587,199	123,567	257,576	152,940	433,341	122,604	117,218	291,507	3,007,137
1991-92	270,237	565,582	165,914	351,096	176,536	489,030	147,532	137,091	341,477	3,431,139
1992-93	282,181	573,375	192,255	318,989	211,426	490,594	154,608	338,359	372,445	3,760,602
1993-94	324,796	436,517	238,366	290,963	223,760	462,355	186,861	351,229	276,473	3,889,783
1994-95	307,785	261,052	250,527	301,645	285,309	571,094	191,386	332,321	285,310	3,829,336
1995-96	244,508	713,092	318,534	240,148	340,205	610,899	196,629	249,237	220,915	4,498,532
1996-97	182,442	745,075	397,955	260,514	378,889	542,158	191,815	655,895	285,974	5,012,311
MONTHLY										
1995 - 96 -										
May	17,268	98,946	25,965	18,651	30,253	56,133	14,305	20,508	18,602	400,552
June	13,508	32,283	35,428	21,076	30,702	53,314	11,403	18,201	12,412	351,664
1996 - 97 -										
July	11,235	58,143	28,756	17,046	28,499	37,616	10,316	44,328	25,877	364,816
August	9,355	43,399	41,848	12,545	33,395	53,358	10,441	23,287	19,738	353,974
September	10,417	43,137	38,598	16,764	31,955	35,430	10,554	36,844	6,262	315,960
October	14,922	44,586	40,663	22,285	26,217	46,325	16,063	75,999	20,187	425,409
November	18,388	23,261	25,814	22,961	32,122	46,400	16,170	99,763	41,799	443,477
December	21,065	85,128	34,865	30,635	45,320	60,849	16,009	70,076	17,719	521,401
January	13,701	108,010	21,366	18,392	17,653	33,405	20,477	46,808	4,275	379,289
February	17,065	124,924	30,844	22,350	27,115	39,512	20,942	58,234	46,014	510,692
March	17,492	118,000	34,185	22,682	39,617	46,769	23,664	58,579	25,712	507,090
April	17,415	61,511	34,047	25,234	31,992	39,508	19,935	45,176	26,197	416,294
May	16,003	16,146	36,808	26,233	35,201	55,431	15,449	39,711	15,488	367,488
June	15,385	18,831	30,164	23,387	29,803	47,554	11,794	57,089	36,706	406,420
1997 - 98 -										
July	12,767	18,287	38,755	30,858	41,248	47,210	16,654	53,097	12,623	411,555

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY SELECTED COUNTRIES
Final stage of production in South Australia
(\$'000)

Period	United States	Middle East	United Kingdom	European Community Total	New Zealand	Japan	China	Hong Kong	ASEAN	Total East Asia
ANNUAL										
1988-89	184,903	397,324	108,635	355,669	230,263	390,207	51,975	55,474	240,507	869,226
1989-90	229,169	551,953	121,319	412,855	289,970	359,643	86,303	49,273	277,659	929,209
1990-91	321,032	325,450	186,353	480,714	179,193	438,970	146,434	80,640	403,754	1,284,576
1991-92	300,139	381,761	220,048	550,258	214,522	647,674	148,308	108,583	437,670	1,627,108
1992-93	352,764	314,049	237,520	594,701	288,421	649,684	208,135	171,803	487,174	1,820,065
1993-94	393,611	280,499	263,092	571,047	311,999	625,481	220,211	165,163	533,977	1,898,975
1994-95	329,878	184,342	246,118	553,051	376,262	682,937	177,875	193,014	551,433	2,004,013
1995-96	279,555	525,348	287,727	691,996	376,628	672,885	293,360	202,307	572,529	2,057,945
1996-97	707,618	563,367	304,605	641,010	381,941	612,073	244,917	234,512	614,433	2,033,582
MONTHLY										
1995 - 96 -										
May	20,722	8,796	22,925	60,081	33,390	69,732	28,623	21,449	38,464	186,392
June	27,622	27,415	39,268	81,921	27,726	51,133	10,310	15,755	40,698	142,070
1996 - 97 -										
July	26,282	19,794	23,491	40,076	58,202	37,820	13,448	14,210	62,818	154,167
August	24,015	30,364	28,940	57,177	39,337	51,371	17,025	20,786	42,611	158,897
September	45,339	32,344	25,007	41,103	26,836	36,244	13,183	18,520	37,428	128,271
October	74,338	30,300	28,488	58,604	40,477	67,681	20,077	12,600	45,513	173,485
November	100,612	23,047	32,472	56,564	33,279	57,312	17,778	27,444	64,655	189,397
December	71,258	81,329	28,905	65,684	27,378	59,114	29,176	21,721	47,735	186,438
January	47,334	83,789	13,228	29,012	32,659	31,483	17,714	16,327	28,376	119,338
February	57,587	66,413	22,843	49,748	29,724	56,641	27,861	23,395	74,529	208,956
March	69,002	96,254	26,863	67,132	28,245	59,413	22,364	26,579	39,860	182,093
April	59,320	49,119	26,023	52,619	22,885	51,075	33,261	18,598	61,197	185,838
May	49,384	30,793	26,476	63,159	21,142	47,290	17,553	16,373	50,552	166,833
June	83,148	19,823	21,869	60,131	21,777	56,630	15,479	17,960	59,159	179,872
1997 - 98 -										
July	75,790	33,011	27,240	60,030	24,672	45,797	30,754	15,635	53,506	178,736

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN
Final stage of production in South Australia
(\$'000)

Period	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Mining	Food, beverages and tobacco	Manufacturing				Other industries/ confidential	Total
				Petroleum, coal, chemical associated product	Metal product	Machinery and equipment	Other manu- facturing		
ANNUAL									
1988-89	891,978	107,269	515,739	176,037	260,978	270,215	96,203	132,953	2,451,372
1989-90	979,463	133,318	583,544	133,078	406,144	320,349	99,984	172,210	2,828,091
1990-91	804,154	120,930	599,030	264,813	474,541	336,500	155,351	251,818	3,007,137
1991-92	882,011	248,846	702,148	201,681	541,522	381,737	178,485	294,709	3,431,139
1992-93	883,725	294,586	766,518	195,387	509,303	641,930	178,726	290,427	3,760,602
1993-94	733,014	245,247	884,737	180,147	475,060	665,066	208,573	497,938	3,889,783
1994-95	592,129	268,537	886,337	186,661	584,838	711,529	243,314	355,991	3,829,336
1995-96	1,014,521	226,309	978,332	172,285	639,267	674,131	226,496	567,191	4,498,532
1996-97	1,067,612	215,807	981,481	279,450	569,710	1,139,944	229,135	529,171	5,012,311
MONTHLY									
1995 - 96 -									
May	105,017	23,538	84,935	18,645	59,240	59,403	17,912	31,862	400,552
June	61,544	11,060	77,812	11,624	58,738	55,922	18,726	56,238	351,664
1996 - 97 -									
July	90,390	27,283	64,583	17,238	37,653	80,451	18,424	28,794	364,816
August	58,417	21,111	87,452	16,126	54,535	65,002	19,604	31,727	353,974
September	63,746	2,163	81,493	13,729	36,910	77,137	19,503	21,279	315,960
October	68,176	12,456	85,814	28,892	51,440	111,387	20,149	47,095	425,409
November	58,151	21,794	71,302	28,399	47,286	140,287	19,269	56,989	443,477
December	119,518	25,596	87,427	25,499	63,810	122,789	22,225	54,537	521,401
January	133,106	1,294	72,585	10,035	33,508	69,654	15,632	43,473	379,289
February	150,997	39,021	86,450	33,856	43,358	93,023	18,502	45,485	510,692
March	140,271	734	97,807	33,486	50,142	106,475	18,809	59,366	507,090
April	88,770	30,741	85,921	17,247	40,321	96,248	19,110	37,936	416,294
May	42,253	991	85,041	27,148	59,594	84,782	20,712	46,967	367,488
June	53,817	32,623	75,606	27,793	51,152	92,710	17,197	55,523	406,420
1997 - 98 -									
July	78,780	28,062	82,870	14,748	48,419	104,569	24,385	29,721	411,555

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP
Goods released from Customs control in South Australia
(\$'000)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Petroleum and petroleum products	Chemicals	Textiles	Metals and metal manu- factures	Machinery	Road vehicles, parts and accessories	Other manu- factured goods	Total
ANNUAL									
1988-89	60,395	169,397	144,766	47,592	135,225	411,092	415,120	344,344	1,861,622
1989-90	71,796	203,654	167,154	49,249	147,969	462,885	414,800	399,437	2,050,024
1990-91	78,926	425,262	140,894	49,087	135,772	515,226	372,603	366,304	2,193,851
1991-92	82,095	362,777	153,574	62,884	151,165	523,848	435,121	513,012	2,396,954
1992-93	91,756	570,334	186,001	57,434	255,924	609,212	661,714	521,723	3,068,122
1993-94	99,177	404,626	200,225	60,172	160,937	595,238	663,617	484,590	2,803,440
1994-95	115,930	330,430	220,536	64,524	214,432	695,038	749,658	563,368	3,099,510
1995-96	118,237	346,397	254,102	76,847	213,487	675,869	546,445	728,096	3,114,309
1996-97	136,699	505,595	226,796	79,697	223,276	868,396	538,683	695,342	3,414,662
MONTHLY									
1995 - 96 -									
May	10,336	32,580	19,662	5,993	17,306	67,725	35,970	63,905	266,206
June	7,669	21,616	15,891	6,713	18,888	52,873	45,012	85,729	261,521
1996 - 97 -									
July	10,309	31,507	13,842	7,463	17,070	66,901	42,448	62,917	265,195
August	14,251	54,974	16,395	6,952	24,177	70,218	55,143	50,007	307,628
September	10,374	23,728	12,227	7,797	18,405	69,155	39,198	101,380	290,140
October	15,412	50,886	14,652	6,584	18,722	72,108	48,332	46,905	283,909
November	13,043	25,966	15,236	5,015	21,111	76,107	42,335	58,621	267,488
December	13,786	47,488	25,644	5,443	12,397	75,884	33,169	82,398	310,393
January	9,935	24,997	24,943	8,035	20,890	107,391	42,244	52,370	300,286
February	9,788	52,581	16,510	6,070	20,531	96,667	45,732	46,878	303,832
March	8,356	50,383	28,119	5,064	14,786	50,793	44,387	46,898	257,388
April	10,432	58,416	18,075	7,691	19,499	62,150	55,140	50,073	297,607
May	11,588	45,354	19,293	6,465	15,125	54,510	35,981	48,198	246,005
June	9,424	39,315	21,862	7,121	20,563	66,513	54,575	48,697	284,792
1997 - 98 -									
July	10,529	66,543	14,321	6,797	22,111	108,102	83,398	56,518	376,952

TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS BY INDUSTRY
South Australia

Period	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ANNUAL (\$ million)								
1987-88	2,434.3	951.2	427.6	688.6	248.1	388.1	974.8	6,112.7
1988-89	2,588.7	971.8	472.1	757.7	279.5	442.2	1051.8	6,563.7
1989-90	2,726.1	1,041.1	528.8	814.4	301.5	485.8	1074.7	6,972.4
1990-91	3,043.2	1,069.0	553.5	820.3	317.1	522.3	1152.0	7,477.4
1991-92	3,223.7	1,087.4	472.4	833.1	289.6	537.7	1198.4	7,642.5
1992-93	3,081.8	1,101.5	440.4	829.9	324.5	645.0	1181.8	7,604.9
1993-94	3,253.3	1,107.8	479.0	917.8	378.1	684.0	1338.8	8,158.8
1994-95	3,477.3	1,128.8	538.0	959.6	383.8	793.5	1654.4	8,935.4
1995-96	3,786.5	1,138.5	546.7	1025.6	431.2	902.8	1762.0	9,593.2
1996-97	4,065.0	1,121.0	467.0	937.0	425.0	792.8	1648.1	9,455.8
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1995 - 96 -								
May	329.2	91.9	42.4	81.8	33.7	76.4	138.0	794.0
June	308.4	87.5	41.0	79.1	32.4	69.8	136.0	755.0
1996 - 97 -								
July	322.1	90.6	41.7	83.2	34.8	64.2	130.7	766.4
August	335.3	86.8	40.8	84.3	34.7	67.7	134.6	778.6
September	317.2	80.4	33.4	77.1	33.7	63.0	135.1	739.8
October	350.2	93.0	37.0	77.6	37.4	64.0	133.3	792.5
November	343.5	105.6	37.4	80.0	39.3	64.9	141.2	812.0
December	382.2	170.4	51.9	101.8	56.6	91.1	178.7	1,032.7
January	351.1	79.3	37.1	70.3	33.4	60.5	142.1	774.0
February	317.3	69.7	28.1	67.0	28.7	56.5	127.1	694.5
March	350.0	82.7	34.9	70.1	32.0	60.7	131.9	762.4
April	331.2	86.2	45.3	73.3	32.6	65.0	128.4	762.1
May	344.6	96.2	45.3	77.2	32.0	71.3	132.4	798.8
June	320.2	80.0	40.7	74.9	29.6	63.9	132.5	741.8
1997 - 98 -								
July	355.0	97.9	45.8	83.1	31.6	67.5	123.7	804.6
MONTHLY, TREND (\$ million)								
1995 - 96 -								
May	321.6	94.1	41.8	84.3	36.4	73.2	143.5	794.4
June	326.6	94.0	40.7	83.6	36.5	71.2	144.0	796.3
1996 - 97 -								
July	330.3	93.9	39.7	82.7	36.7	68.9	142.7	794.8
August	332.5	93.7	38.8	81.6	37.0	66.7	140.2	790.5
September	333.9	93.7	37.9	80.2	37.2	64.8	137.7	785.9
October	335.7	93.8	37.1	78.6	36.9	63.4	136.1	783.1
November	338.2	93.9	36.8	77.1	36.2	62.7	135.6	782.7
December	341.0	94.1	37.0	76.0	35.3	62.9	135.7	784.2
January	343.2	94.0	37.5	75.4	34.4	63.7	136.1	786.4
February	344.5	93.6	38.3	75.6	33.8	64.8	136.6	788.6
March	344.9	93.2	39.3	76.2	33.5	66.1	136.9	790.7
April	344.9	93.1	40.5	77.0	33.5	67.3	137.1	793.2
May	345.1	93.5	41.8	78.0	33.6	68.3	137.3	797.3
June	346.0	94.2	43.1	79.1	33.7	69.0	137.4	802.3
1997 - 98 -								
July	346.5	95.3	44.4	80.4	33.8	69.6	137.7	808.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1995 - 96 -								
June	1.6	-0.1	-2.6	-0.8	0.3	-2.7	0.3	0.2
1996 - 97 -								
July	1.1	-0.1	-2.5	-1.1	0.5	-3.2	-0.9	-0.2
August	0.7	-0.2	-2.3	-1.3	0.8	-3.2	-1.8	-0.5
September	0.4	0.0	-2.3	-1.7	0.5	-2.8	-1.8	-0.6
October	0.5	0.1	-2.1	-2.0	-0.8	-2.2	-1.2	-0.4
November	0.7	0.1	-0.8	-1.9	-1.9	-1.1	-0.4	-0.1
December	0.8	0.2	0.5	-1.4	-2.5	0.3	0.1	0.2
January	0.6	-0.1	1.4	-0.8	-2.5	1.3	0.3	0.3
February	0.4	-0.4	2.1	0.3	-1.7	1.7	0.4	0.3
March	0.1	-0.4	2.6	0.8	-0.9	2.0	0.2	0.3
April	0.0	-0.1	3.1	1.0	0.0	1.8	0.1	0.3
May	0.1	0.4	3.2	1.3	0.3	1.5	0.1	0.5
June	0.3	0.7	3.1	1.4	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.6
1997 - 98 -								
July	0.1	1.2	3.0	1.6	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.8

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY TYPE OF VEHICLE
South Australia

Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted			Trend estimate		
	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
ANNUAL									
1987-88	29,915	5,775	35,690	..	..	..	..	..	..
1988-89	31,920	6,816	38,736						
1989-90	35,211	7,808	43,019						
1990-91	34,753	6,619	41,372						
1991-92	32,351	5,333	37,684						
1992-93	32,894	5,577	38,471						
1993-94	32,806	5,781	38,587						
1994-95	35,830	6,736	42,566						
1995-96	36,067	6,828	42,895						
1996-97	36,146	6,970	43,116						
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1988-89	6.7	18.0	8.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
1989-90	10.3	14.6	11.1						
1990-91	-1.3	-15.2	-3.8						
1991-92	-6.9	-19.4	-8.9						
1992-93	1.7	4.6	2.1						
1993-94	-0.3	3.7	0.3						
1994-95	9.2	16.5	10.3						
1995-96	0.7	1.4	0.8						
1996-97	0.2	2.1	0.5						
MONTHLY									
1995 - 96 -									
April	2,745	541	3,286	3,111	627	3,738	3,090	619	3,709
May	3,080	712	3,792	2,991	630	3,621	3,037	622	3,658
June	3,091	841	3,932	2,999	669	3,668	2,959	617	3,576
1996 - 97 -									
July	2,862	595	3,457	2,813	572	3,384	2,875	604	3,479
August	3,024	545	3,569	2,853	600	3,453	2,804	585	3,389
September	2,939	498	3,437	2,883	548	3,431	2,780	564	3,344
October	2,817	548	3,365	2,520	557	3,077	2,810	547	3,357
November	2,976	539	3,515	2,953	503	3,456	2,892	545	3,437
December	2,997	585	3,582	2,978	585	3,563	2,998	556	3,554
January	2,493	449	2,942	3,109	564	3,673	3,102	578	3,679
February	3,302	525	3,827	3,439	573	4,012	3,179	599	3,778
March	3,034	593	3,627	3,128	623	3,750	3,220	613	3,833
April	3,015	701	3,716	3,221	714	3,935	3,231	615	3,846
May	3,028	612	3,640	3,045	555	3,600	3,238	608	3,846
June	3,659	780	4,439	3,463	602	4,066	3,248	594	3,842
1997 - 98 -									
July	3,351	545	3,896	3,196	532	3,729	3,250	580	3,830
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH									
1995 - 96 -									
May	12.2	31.6	15.4	-3.9	0.5	-3.1	-1.7	0.5	-1.4
June	0.4	18.1	3.7	0.3	6.2	1.3	-2.6	-0.8	-2.2
1996 - 97 -									
July	-7.4	-29.3	-12.1	-6.2	-14.5	-7.7	-2.8	-2.1	-2.7
August	5.7	-8.4	3.2	1.4	4.9	2.0	-2.5	-3.1	-2.6
September	-2.8	-8.6	-3.7	1.1	-8.7	-0.6	-0.9	-3.6	-1.3
October	-4.2	10.0	-2.1	-12.6	1.6	-10.3	1.1	-3.0	0.4
November	5.6	-1.6	4.5	17.2	-9.7	12.3	2.9	-0.4	2.4
December	0.7	8.5	1.9	0.8	16.3	3.1	3.7	2.0	3.4
January	-16.8	-23.2	-17.9	4.4	-3.6	3.1	3.5	4.0	3.5
February	32.5	16.9	30.1	10.6	1.6	9.2	2.5	3.6	2.7
March	-8.1	13.0	-5.2	-9.0	8.7	-6.5	1.3	2.3	1.5
April	-0.6	18.2	2.5	3.0	14.6	4.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
May	0.4	-12.7	-2.0	-5.5	-22.3	-8.5	0.2	-1.1	0.0
June	20.8	27.5	22.0	13.7	8.5	12.9	0.3	-2.3	-0.1
1997 - 98 -									
July	-8.4	-30.1	-12.2	-7.7	11.6	-8.3	0.1	-2.4	-0.3

ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET
South Australia

Period	Industry			Total	Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries		New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
ANNUAL (\$ million)						
1990-91	122	742	988	1,852	628	1,224
1991-92	193	763	668	1,625	392	1,233
1992-93	218	564	739	1,522	416	1,105
1993-94	97	613	773	1,484	356	1,128
1994-95	115	829	1,162	2,106	351	1,755
1995-96	196	756	921	1,873	358	1,515
1996-97	488	839	1,250	2,577	593	1,984
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1991-92	58.4	2.9	-32.3	-12.2	-37.5	0.8
1992-93	12.8	-26.1	10.6	-6.4	6.1	-10.4
1993-94	-55.5	8.7	4.6	-2.5	-14.5	2.0
1994-95	18.3	35.2	50.3	41.9	-1.4	55.6
1995-96	70.4	-8.8	-20.7	-11.1	2.0	-13.7
1996-97	149.0	11.0	35.7	37.6	65.6	31.0
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)						
June	40	272	183	494	58	436
1995 - 96 -						
September	35	155	172	361	71	290
December	49	205	285	538	89	450
March	51	167	184	403	77	326
June	59	210	276	545	117	428
1996 - 97 -						
September	61	187	399	647	133	514
December	82	234	373	688	172	517
March	79	198	245	521	130	391
June	266	221	233	720	159	561
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, ORIGINAL						
1995 - 96 -						
September	-12.5	-43.0	-6.0	-27.0	21.6	-33.5
December	40.0	32.3	65.7	49.0	25.4	55.3
March	4.1	-18.5	-35.4	-25.1	-13.5	-27.6
June	15.7	25.7	50.0	35.2	51.9	31.3
1996 - 97 -						
September	3.4	-11.0	44.6	18.7	13.7	20.1
December	34.4	25.1	-6.5	6.3	29.3	0.6
March	-3.7	-15.4	-34.3	-24.3	-24.4	-24.4
June	236.7	11.6	-4.9	38.2	22.3	43.5
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)						
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	466	64	402
1995 - 96 -						
September				433	68	365
December				423	78	345
March				485	95	390
June				566	117	449
1996 - 97 -						
September				618	133	485
December				634	145	488
March				634	156	478
June				639	166	472
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND						
1995 - 96 -						
September				-7.1	6.3	-9.2
December				-2.3	14.7	-5.5
March				14.7	21.8	13.0
June				16.7	23.2	15.1
1996 - 97 -						
September				9.2	13.7	8.0
December				2.6	9.0	0.6
March				0.0	7.6	-2.0
June				0.8	6.4	-1.3

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION
South Australia

Period	Hotels, motels, guesthouses with facilities			Holiday flats, units and houses			Short-term caravan parks		
	Number of guest rooms	Room occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)	Number of flats, units and houses	Unit occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)	Number of sites	Site occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)
ANNUAL									
1987-88	9,156	50.8	89,321	1,105	45.4	8,109	18,926	17.8	13,248
1988-89	9,396	50.5	102,737	1,171	45.8	9,792	19,195	17.4	14,711
1989-90	10,316	52.0	121,788	1,113	48.4	11,381	19,847	18.4	17,174
1990-91	10,445	48.0	128,634	1,210	43.9	10,339	19,794	17.7	18,102
1991-92	10,745	46.6	130,578	1,302	40.4	10,492	20,601	17.1	19,111
1992-93	10,632	46.5	129,882	1,338	40.2	10,740	20,038	22.3	20,113
1993-94	10,597	48.6	138,782	1,338	40.9	11,700	19,591	23.7	20,790
1994-95	10,594	51.3	149,698	1,342	40.0	11,644	20,175	24.5	22,537
1995-96	10,772	52.4	161,136	1,356	41.5	12,844	20,187	24.9	23,578
1996-97	10,895	52.6	164,227	1,467	42.2	14,615	20,248	25.2	24,336
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1988-89	2.6	..	15.0	6.0	..	20.8	1.4	..	11.0
1989-90	9.8	..	18.5	-5.0	..	16.2	3.4	..	16.7
1990-91	1.3	..	5.6	8.7	..	-9.2	-0.3	..	5.4
1991-92	2.9	..	1.5	7.6	..	1.5	4.1	..	5.6
1992-93	-1.1	..	-0.5	2.8	..	2.4	-2.7	..	5.2
1993-94	-0.3	..	6.9	0.0	..	8.9	-2.2	..	3.4
1994-95	0.0	..	7.9	0.3	..	-0.5	3.0	..	8.4
1995-96	1.7	..	7.6	1.0	..	10.3	0.1	..	4.6
1996-97	1.1	..	1.9	8.1	..	13.8	0.3	..	3.2
QUARTERLY									
1994 - 95 -									
March	10,603	53.4	37,897	1,337	50.1	3,776	20,132	28.4	7,047
June	10,605	50.0	35,802	1,346	35.9	2,451	20,452	24.3	5,597
1995 - 96 -									
September	10,703	50.3	37,077	1,289	32.4	2,273	20,350	22.3	4,809
December	10,763	52.9	42,999	1,297	40.3	3,120	20,123	24.5	6,103
March	10,757	55.1	41,938	1,388	54.9	4,512	20,154	27.8	6,931
June	10,865	51.4	39,121	1,451	38.0	2,940	20,122	25.0	5,736
1996 - 97 -									
September	10,879	48.9	37,567	1,426	35.1	2,885	20,247	21.0	4,735
December	10,951	54.9	43,266	1,470	40.7	3,651	20,260	25.2	6,340
March	10,909	55.4	43,033	1,493	54.1	4,895	20,251	30.4	7,742
June	10,842	51.1	40,361	1,477	38.8	3,184	20,233	24.3	5,519
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1994 - 95 -									
June	0.0	..	-5.5	0.7	..	-35.1	1.6	..	-20.6
1995 - 96 -									
September	0.9	..	0.9	..	..	-7.3	-0.5	..	-14.1
December	0.6	..	16.0	0.6	..	37.3	-1.1	..	26.9
March	-0.1	..	-2.5	7.0	..	44.6	0.2	..	13.6
June	1.0	..	-6.7	4.5	..	-34.8	-0.2	..	-17.7
1996 - 97 -									
September	0.1	..	-4.0	-1.7	..	-1.9	0.6	..	-17.5
December	0.7	..	15.2	3.1	..	26.6	0.1	..	33.9
March	-0.4	..	-0.5	1.6	..	34.1	0.0	..	22.1
June	-0.6	..	-6.2	-1.1	..	-35.0	-0.1	..	-28.7

BUILDING APPROVALS South Australia

Period	Number of dwelling units				Value (\$ million)			
	Houses		Total(a)		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total				
ANNUAL								
1988-89	7,526	8,006	9,642	11,238	690	109	895	1,694
1989-90	7,246	7,675	10,180	11,701	733	110	914	1,757
1990-91	8,351	8,633	10,418	11,426	755	119	591	1,465
1991-92	8,613	8,931	10,254	11,290	756	124	627	1,506
1992-93	9,710	10,087	11,548	12,341	841	133	418	1,392
1993-94	9,470	9,901	11,046	11,777	839	122	375	1,336
1994-95	7,757	8,147	9,208	9,762	740	120	493	1,353
1995-96	4,930	5,109	5,760	5,968	469	119	566	1,155
1996-97	5,508	5,604	6,148	6,264	515	117	584	1,217
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR								
1989-90	-3.7	-4.1	5.6	4.1	6.1	1.2	2.1	3.7
1990-91	15.2	12.5	2.3	-2.4	3.1	8.6	-35.4	-16.6
1991-92	3.1	3.5	-1.6	-1.2	0.1	3.9	6.1	2.8
1992-93	12.7	12.9	12.6	9.3	11.3	7.1	-33.2	-7.6
1993-94	-2.5	-1.8	-4.3	-4.6	-0.2	-8.0	-10.4	-4.0
1994-95	-18.1	-17.7	-16.6	-17.1	-11.8	-1.7	31.5	1.3
1995-96	-36.4	-37.3	-37.4	-38.9	-36.5	-0.7	14.8	-14.7
1996-97	11.7	9.7	6.7	5.0	9.8	-2.1	3.2	5.4
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL								
1995 - 96 -								
May	464	483	486	505	40.8	10.0	143.6	194.3
June	403	406	433	436	34.3	10.5	26.9	71.8
1996 - 97 -								
July	476	481	523	528	42.8	7.7	41.9	92.5
August	484	492	536	547	45.2	10.3	60.9	116.4
September	458	462	510	514	43.4	10.7	59.1	113.2
October	401	414	553	566	43.7	12.0	28.5	84.2
November	438	438	488	488	39.9	8.8	39.7	88.5
December	382	383	409	410	34.8	9.7	28.0	72.5
January	340	340	351	351	29.6	8.6	41.9	80.1
February	429	434	467	472	39.7	9.8	53.1	102.6
March	486	501	526	543	41.8	8.9	35.4	86.1
April	559	568	615	628	52.6	10.9	39.2	102.8
May	537	551	599	620	52.5	9.9	64.7	127.1
June	518	540	571	597	49.5	9.2	92.0	150.7
1997 - 98 -								
July	571	583	622	634	51.1	10.8	125.1	187.0
MONTHLY, TREND								
1995 - 96 -								
May	412	419	451	459	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June	415	421	459	465				
1996 - 97 -								
July	418	425	469	477				
August	418	427	479	488				
September	417	427	482	493				
October	416	425	479	489				
November	420	428	474	482				
December	433	439	476	483				
January	455	460	490	495				
February	481	485	515	521				
March	503	509	543	552				
April	518	527	567	579				
May	526	537	581	596				
June	528	541	587	604				
1997 - 98 -								
July	526	541	588	606				
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1995 - 96 -								
June	0.7	0.5	1.8	1.3	..	..	..	..
1996 - 97 -								
July	0.7	1.0	2.2	2.6				
August	0.0	0.5	2.1	2.3				
September	-0.2	0.0	0.6	1.0				
October	-0.2	-0.5	-0.6	-0.8				
November	1.0	0.7	-1.0	-1.4				
December	3.1	2.6	0.4	0.2				
January	5.1	4.8	2.9	2.5				
February	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.3				
March	4.6	4.9	5.4	6.0				
April	3.0	3.5	4.4	4.9				
May	1.5	1.9	2.5	2.9				
June	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.3				
1997 - 98 -								
July	-0.4	0.0	0.2	0.3				

(a) Includes the number of self-contained dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units)

BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS South Australia

Period	Number of new dwelling units				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses		Total (a)		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building		Total building
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total			Private sector	Total	
ANNUAL									
1987-88	5,664	6,388	6,723	8,510	472.9	92.2	527.2	718.8	1,283.8
1988-89	7,132	7,580	8,853	10,303	646.2	103.7	760.3	964.1	1,709.9
1989-90	6,734	7,174	9,421	10,988	718.2	111.6	669.6	934.2	1,763.9
1990-91	7,863	8,177	9,683	10,838	727.5	118.2	367.1	554.0	1,399.6
1991-92	8,036	8,344	9,635	10,700	727.2	125.1	344.5	607.8	1,460.1
1992-93	9,122	9,416	10,889	11,646	816.2	122.4	205.5	458.7	1,397.2
1993-94	9,159	9,590	10,712	11,501	845.3	126.5	209.9	373.0	1,344.8
1994-95	7,745	8,210	9,132	9,796	765.5	125.3	251.7	518.5	1,409.3
1995-96	4,836	5,070	5,691	5,960	496.5	121.7	452.8	631.8	1,250.0
1996-97	4,959	5,014	5,611	5,671	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
QUARTERLY									
1994 - 95 -									
December	2,303	2,435	2,670	2,873	221.1	31.8	52.8	99.5	352.4
March	1,631	1,735	1,934	2,073	167.9	26.4	55.6	92.1	286.4
June	1,396	1,512	1,623	1,763	140.9	32.8	86.3	225.1	398.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	1,398	1,504	1,640	1,771	142.4	29.4	69.5	108.4	280.3
December	1,242	1,295	1,491	1,587	133.9	34.0	85.5	119.5	287.4
March	1,044	1,089	1,248	1,295	109.2	29.4	80.1	139.9	278.4
June	1,153	1,183	1,273	1,307	111.0	28.8	217.7	264.0	403.9
1996 - 97 -									
September	1,191	1,207	1,302	1,321	108.7	26.2	67.9	104.2	239.1
December	1,245	1,262	1,513	1,530	133.8	33.8	85.3	113.2	280.8
March	1,083	1,086	1,217	1,222	100.5	24.1	74.4	116.1	240.7
June	1,439	1,458	1,578	1,597	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Includes conversions.

VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE DURING PERIOD South Australia

Period	New residential building				Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses		Total			Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total					
ANNUAL (\$ million)									
1986-87	310.0	364.8	385.4	492.2	78.4	447.9	645.2	908.1	1,215.8
1987-88	343.8	381.1	391.4	467.7	88.2	551.8	811.2	1,027.0	1,367.1
1988-89	450.2	469.2	538.8	597.0	104.1	657.5	902.2	1,297.3	1,603.3
1989-90	493.8	518.9	657.4	724.9	116.3	743.2	988.6	1,514.0	1,827.8
1990-91	578.3	600.2	713.6	782.3	122.0	621.9	876.6	1,455.4	1,780.8
1991-92	591.5	607.5	693.4	748.5	125.1	310.3	484.1	1,127.5	1,357.6
1992-93	647.2	660.9	743.8	780.6	127.1	297.9	570.9	1,166.3	1,478.6
1993-94	719.1	746.4	828.9	876.3	132.0	217.7	462.1	1,177.2	1,470.4
1994-95	659.6	693.6	766.1	816.4	129.4	271.6	476.9	1,164.3	1,422.7
1995-96	441.4	460.5	512.9	534.8	130.6	311.4	542.1	953.2	1,207.5
QUARTERLY (\$ million)									
1994 - 95 -									
September	185.6	193.5	215.3	230.8	37.4	63.7	113.5	316.1	381.8
December	185.3	195.7	216.0	231.4	35.6	63.0	117.8	313.1	384.7
March	153.3	159.5	179.5	187.9	25.1	57.2	104.4	261.4	317.4
June	135.3	144.8	155.3	166.3	31.2	87.8	141.3	273.7	338.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	117.9	124.5	138.8	146.6	31.4	72.7	121.7	241.7	299.6
December	119.2	125.6	137.7	144.8	39.9	87.1	142.9	264.7	327.6
March	101.6	105.4	118.8	123.1	26.7	63.4	122.0	208.6	271.8
June	102.6	105.0	117.6	120.3	32.6	88.1	155.6	238.3	308.5
1996 - 97 -									
September	97.3	99.3	109.4	111.3	28.0	83.4	143.8	219.4	283.1
December	109.0	110.6	121.2	122.8	35.4	119.6	189.8	276.0	348.0
March	95.8	96.2	109.9	110.4	25.8	101.2	146.1	236.8	282.3

PRODUCTION, SELECTED COMMODITIES
South Australia

Period	Footwear (pairs)	Gas (m megajoules)	Electricity (including NT) ('000 kWh)	Coal (tonnes)	Sawn timber(a) (m ³)
ANNUAL					
1987-88	1,982,301	83,101	10,137,144	2,566,347	254,453
1988-89	2,062,085	86,546	10,588,647	2,674,215	292,335
1989-90	1,749,112	85,070	10,665,118	2,921,861	228,156
1990-91	1,837,602	73,265	8,878,357	2,441,040	240,193
1991-92	1,852,890	78,210	10,025,649	2,819,880	271,603
1992-93	1,406,178	83,000	10,226,734	2,753,610	317,096
1993-94	1,382,949	89,382	10,560,251	2,643,000	364,961
1994-95	1,430,417	86,123	10,051,056	2,554,560	392,349
1995-96	1,423,814	76,074	8,733,503	2,409,120	413,545
1996-97	1,572,621	76,495	9,166,719	2,633,820	n.y.a.
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR					
1988-89	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.2	14.9
1989-90	-15.2	-1.7	0.7	9.3	-22.0
1990-91	5.1	-13.9	-16.8	-16.5	5.3
1991-92	0.8	6.7	12.9	15.5	13.1
1992-93	-24.1	6.1	2.0	-2.4	16.7
1993-94	-1.7	7.7	3.3	-4.0	15.1
1994-95	3.4	-3.6	-4.8	-3.3	7.5
1995-96	-0.5	-11.7	-13.1	-5.7	5.4
1996-97	10.5	0.6	5.0	9.3	n.y.a.
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY (b), ORIGINAL					
1995 - 96 -					
April	101,261	6,088	632,648	159,960	..
May	134,719	5,728	725,035	186,600	..
June	163,135	7,047	788,337	216,120	90,862
1996 - 97 -					
July	132,078	7,478	805,153	242,820	..
August	139,938	7,077	780,265	231,720	..
September	140,736	6,545	715,089	203,820	95,037
October	118,507	6,788	701,744	150,480	..
November	134,859	5,468	692,551	202,920	..
December	82,581	5,417	724,795	196,980	86,509
January	68,587	6,016	801,786	239,760	..
February	170,775	6,499	857,703	206,820	..
March	124,771	5,429	717,610	238,200	67,726
April	137,860	5,544	713,484	216,840	..
May	144,946	6,979	850,366	259,980	..
June	176,983	7,255	806,173	243,480	n.y.a.
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH/QUARTER (b)					
1995 - 96 -					
May	33.0	-5.9	14.6	16.7	..
June	21.1	23.0	8.7	15.8	2.5
1996 - 97 -					
July	-19.0	6.1	2.1	12.4	..
August	6.0	-5.4	-3.1	-4.6	..
September	0.6	-7.5	-8.4	-12.0	4.6
October	-15.8	3.7	-1.9	-26.2	..
November	13.8	-19.4	-1.3	34.8	..
December	-38.8	-0.9	4.7	-2.9	-9.0
January	-16.9	11.1	10.6	21.7	..
February	149.0	8.0	7.0	-13.7	..
March	-26.9	-16.5	-16.3	15.2	-21.7
April	10.5	2.1	-0.6	-9.0	..
May	5.1	25.9	19.2	19.9	..
June	22.1	4.0	-5.2	-6.3	n.y.a.

(a) From Australian softwood logs only.

(b) Sawn timber production data available quarterly only.

PRODUCTION, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS AND SELECTED COMMODITIES
South Australia

<i>Period</i>	<i>Chicken</i>	<i>Pigmeat</i>	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Cheese</i>	<i>Wheat flour, other than self-raising</i>
ANNUAL (tonnes)							
1986-87	33,776	40,761	90,283	43,934	32,416	27,438	80,310
1987-88	34,907	36,671	91,701	45,562	34,335	25,497	91,325
1988-89	32,946	40,364	87,160	42,159	36,203	24,704	96,418
1989-90	35,248	40,815	99,699	50,939	38,052	22,774	88,503
1990-91	31,945	38,644	87,036	65,434	32,038	24,522	83,727
1991-92	36,978	34,538	90,661	72,578	29,941	23,494	81,065
1992-93	38,619	38,153	96,338	65,689	39,334	26,140	87,761
1993-94	40,671	38,394	94,395	71,354	45,199	26,674	84,683
1994-95	39,103	32,063	99,108	66,759	36,147	29,154	80,666
1995-96	37,691	31,695	89,704	55,600	37,735	31,496	97,425
1996-97	38,907	29,853	85,350	58,025	35,081	n.y.a.	90,449
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1987-88	3.3	-10.0	1.6	3.7	5.9	-7.1	13.7
1988-89	-5.6	10.1	-5.0	-7.5	5.4	-3.1	5.6
1989-90	7.0	1.1	14.4	20.8	5.1	-7.8	-8.2
1990-91	-9.4	-5.3	-12.7	28.5	-15.8	7.7	-5.4
1991-92	15.8	-10.6	4.2	10.9	-6.5	-4.2	-3.2
1992-93	4.4	10.5	6.3	-9.5	31.4	11.3	8.3
1993-94	5.3	0.6	-2.0	8.6	14.9	2.0	-3.5
1994-95	-3.9	-16.5	5.0	-6.4	-20.0	9.3	-4.7
1995-96	-3.6	-1.1	-9.5	-16.7	4.4	8.0	20.8
1996-97	3.2	-5.8	-4.9	4.4	-7.0	n.y.a.	-7.2
MONTHLY (tonnes)							
1995 - 96 -							
May	2,880	3,092	6,935	3,532	3,274	2,174	14,422
June	2,942	2,381	5,780	3,065	1,909	1,963	6,811
1996 - 97 -							
July	3,110	3,043	5,241	2,670	1,896	2,120	7,099
August	2,827	2,864	5,190	2,749	1,856	2,452	7,468
September	3,042	2,308	6,650	3,733	2,776	3,092	7,089
October	3,155	2,232	8,130	5,528	3,422	3,699	6,866
November	3,167	2,629	8,930	7,351	2,983	3,326	7,331
December	3,600	2,000	6,681	4,500	2,574	2,889	8,187
January	3,502	2,136	7,333	5,815	3,247	2,536	8,010
February	2,819	2,570	7,223	6,057	3,154	2,043	8,566
March	3,440	2,202	6,854	5,397	2,899	1,911	8,374
April	3,595	2,508	8,355	5,632	3,501	2,255	7,379
May	3,321	2,828	7,606	4,637	3,469	n.y.a.	6,983
June	3,327	2,533	7,168	3,957	3,304	n.y.a.	7,097
1997 - 98 -							
July	3,743	2,446	6,809	3,146	3,006	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH							
1995 - 96 -							
June	2.2	-23.0	-16.7	-13.2	-41.7	-9.7	-52.8
1996 - 97 -							
July	5.7	27.8	-9.3	-12.9	-0.7	8.0	4.2
August	-9.1	-5.9	-1.0	3.0	-2.1	15.7	5.2
September	7.6	-19.4	28.1	35.8	49.6	26.1	-5.1
October	3.7	-3.3	22.3	48.1	23.3	19.6	-3.1
November	0.4	17.8	9.8	33.0	-12.8	-10.1	6.8
December	13.7	-23.9	-25.2	-38.8	-13.7	-13.1	11.7
January	-2.7	6.8	9.8	29.2	26.1	-12.2	-2.2
February	-19.5	20.3	-1.5	4.2	-2.9	-19.4	6.9
March	22.0	-14.3	-5.1	-10.9	-8.1	-6.5	-2.2
April	4.5	13.9	21.9	4.4	20.8	18.0	-11.9
May	-7.6	12.8	-9.0	-17.7	-0.9	n.y.a.	-5.4
June	0.2	-10.4	-5.8	-14.7	-4.8	n.y.a.	1.6
1997 - 98 -							
July	12.5	-3.4	-5.0	-20.5	-9.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: BY GROUP

Adelaide

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups
ANNUAL AVERAGE (1989-90 = 100)									
1986-87	83.2	81.8	76.9	84.3	83.0	79.4	75.6	82.1	81.5
1987-88	87.6	88.2	79.5	89.9	88.6	85.7	84.0	89.6	87.0
1988-89	95.2	95.3	87.0	95.1	94.2	92.5	90.8	94.6	93.3
1989-90	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1990-91	103.8	103.6	104.1	105.4	107.0	112.0	113.4	104.8	106.2
1991-92	106.0	105.3	100.4	107.5	110.5	118.6	127.8	107.7	108.9
1992-93	109.3	107.0	94.3	107.6	115.0	131.2	134.9	110.7	111.2
1993-94	111.7	106.6	92.1	108.0	117.8	141.5	142.7	113.7	113.4
1994-95	115.1	104.9	97.8	109.2	120.2	148.9	151.3	116.3	116.9
1995-96	118.2	105.1	103.6	112.1	124.5	160.1	158.9	118.0	121.2
1996-97	120.8	105.5	98.9	113.4	124.6	165.3	165.4	121.1	122.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1987-88	5.3	7.8	3.4	6.6	6.7	7.9	11.1	9.1	6.7
1988-89	8.7	8.0	9.4	5.8	6.3	7.9	8.1	5.6	7.2
1989-90	5.0	4.9	14.9	5.2	6.2	8.1	10.1	5.7	7.2
1990-91	3.8	3.6	4.1	5.4	7.0	12.0	13.4	4.8	6.2
1991-92	2.1	1.6	-3.6	2.0	3.3	5.9	12.7	2.8	2.5
1992-93	3.1	1.6	-6.1	0.1	4.1	10.6	5.6	2.8	2.1
1993-94	2.2	-0.4	-2.3	0.4	2.4	7.9	5.8	2.7	2.0
1994-95	3.0	-1.6	6.2	1.1	2.0	5.2	6.0	2.2	3.1
1995-96	2.7	0.2	5.9	2.7	3.6	7.6	5.0	1.5	3.7
1996-97	2.2	0.3	-4.5	1.2	0.0	3.3	4.1	2.6	0.9
QUARTERLY (1989-90 = 100.0)									
1994 - 95 - December	114.3	105.1	95.6	108.7	119.8	147.8	148.7	116.2	116.0
March	115.7	104.2	100.8	109.5	119.9	150.2	153.0	117.2	117.8
June	115.7	105.1	102.2	110.2	121.4	153.2	155.3	116.5	118.8
1995 - 96 - September	117.8	104.8	102.7	111.5	124.4	154.8	155.4	116.5	120.1
December	118.2	105.2	103.8	112.0	124.3	159.7	158.7	117.3	121.1
March	118.2	104.9	103.9	112.4	123.9	162.2	161.0	118.9	121.6
June	118.4	105.5	103.9	112.3	125.3	163.6	160.6	119.2	122.0
1996 - 97 - September	119.2	105.5	103.5	113.0	124.4	164.7	160.9	119.2	122.2
December	120.7	106.0	100.5	113.8	125.5	164.9	164.9	119.8	122.6
March	121.2	105.1	97.5	113.3	125.6	165.2	167.7	122.3	122.6
June	121.9	105.2	94.1	113.6	122.7	166.5	168.0	122.9	121.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR									
1994 - 95 - March	3.3	-1.7	10.0	1.5	2.0	5.3	5.2	2.7	3.7
June	2.4	-0.7	11.2	1.8	2.4	6.0	4.8	1.5	3.8
1995 - 96 - September	2.9	-0.4	11.1	3.0	4.0	7.4	4.8	1.2	4.5
December	3.4	0.1	8.6	3.0	3.8	8.1	6.7	0.9	4.4
March	2.2	0.7	3.1	2.6	3.3	8.0	5.2	1.5	3.2
June	2.3	0.4	1.7	1.9	3.2	6.8	3.4	2.3	2.7
1996-97 September	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.3	0.0	6.4	3.5	2.3	1.7
December	2.1	0.8	-3.2	1.6	1.0	3.3	3.9	2.1	1.2
March	2.5	0.2	-6.2	0.8	1.4	1.8	4.2	2.9	0.8
June	3.0	-0.3	-9.4	1.2	-2.1	1.8	4.6	3.1	-0.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1994 - 95 - March	1.2	-0.9	5.4	0.7	0.1	1.6	2.9	0.9	1.6
June	0.0	0.9	1.4	0.6	1.3	2.0	1.5	-0.6	0.8
1995 - 96 - September	1.8	-0.3	0.5	1.2	2.5	1.0	0.1	0.0	1.1
December	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.4	-0.1	3.2	2.1	0.7	0.8
March	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.4	-0.3	1.6	1.4	1.4	0.4
June	0.2	0.6	0.0	-0.1	1.1	0.9	-0.2	0.3	0.3
1996-97 September	0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.6	-0.7	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.2
December	1.3	0.5	-2.9	0.7	0.9	0.1	2.5	0.5	0.3
March	0.4	-0.8	-3.0	-0.4	0.1	0.2	1.7	2.1	0.0
June	0.6	0.1	-3.5	0.3	-2.3	0.8	0.2	0.5	-0.6

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED CONSUMER ITEMS
Adelaide (cents)

Item	Unit	Quarter				
		June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	June 1997
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	113	114	116	116	122
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	337	322	318	318	320
Butter	500g	167	160	172	167	161
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680g	141	154	157	153	160
Self-raising flour	2kg	238	243	227	240	235
Beef: Rump steak	1kg	1,168	1,123	1,061	1,157	1,141
Corned silverside	1kg	645	624	625	597	602
Lamb: Leg	1kg	584	586	563	572	574
Loin chops	1kg	812	808	778	799	792
Forequarter chops	1kg	544	555	528	568	547
Pork: Leg	1kg	608	621	617	616	574
Loin chops	1kg	765	778	793	799	792
Chicken, frozen	1kg	348	369	375	351	370
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	289	292	317	325	295
Sausages	1kg	358	351	351	359	360
Potatoes	1kg	70	67	73	78	108
Onions	1kg	74	83	128	134	114
Peaches, canned	825g	189	174	190	182	185
Eggs, 55g	doz	240	239	248	246	246
Sugar, white	2kg	180	182	182	183	182
Tea	250g	159	168	172	169	175
Coffee, instant, jar	150g	528	509	513	500	539
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500g	141	139	143	141	133
Petrol: Leaded	1 litre	75.9	73.6	76.1	77.5	75.4
Unleaded	1 litre	73.6	71.3	73.7	75.2	73.0

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE
South Australia

Period	Live births(a)	Deaths(a)	Components of population change			Total increase	Population at end of period (c)
			Natural increase	Net migration			
				Interstate	Overseas (b)		
ANNUAL							
1986-87	19,628	10,577	9,051	-3,977	6,200	10,214	1,392,764
1987-88	19,288	10,799	8,489	-1,240	5,952	12,145	1,404,909
1988-89	19,528	10,814	8,664	-221	6,665	14,120	1,419,029
1989-90	19,653	11,329	8,253	-252	5,762	13,027	1,432,056
1990-91	19,966	11,120	8,767	1,545	4,619	14,931	1,446,299
1991-92	19,530	11,035	8,532	-133	2,897	11,296	1,456,523
1992-93	19,686	11,163	8,403	-4,650	1,546	5,299	1,460,730
1993-94	20,036	11,743	7,949	-3,466	1,994	6,477	1,466,127
1994-95	19,559	11,496	7,902	-6,529	2,883	4,256	1,469,411
1995-96	10,916	11,186	7,645	-6,238	4,119	5,526	1,474,389
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY							
1995 - 96 -							
December	1,397	842	1,752	-1,512	946	1,186	1,470,756
January	1,663	932	..	..	..	..	..
February	1,693	807	..	..	..	..	..
March	1,567	839	2,316	-1,476	1,370	2,210	1,472,966
April	1,416	776	..	..	..	..	..
May	1,732	1,123	..	..	..	..	..
June	1,448	886	1,818	-1,093	697	1,423	1,474,389
1996 - 97 -							
July	1,732	1,102	..	..	..	..	..
August	1,662	1,207	..	..	..	..	..
September	1,464	977	1,575	-1,589	1,042	1,028	1,475,417
October	1,779	1,196	..	..	..	..	..
November	1,536	835	..	..	..	..	..
December	1,424	920	1,780	-1,427	1,003	1,356	1,476,773
January	1,582	909	..	..	..	..	..
February	1,498	827	..	..	..	..	..
March	1,301	753	1,880	-1,192	1,228	1,916	1,478,689
April	1,673	925	..	..	..	..	..
May	1,791	1,022	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Registrations.

(b) Includes category jumping.

(c) For dates prior to June 1996.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION
South Australia

Period	Employed Full-time Males	Employed Full-time Females	Employed Part-time Males	Employed Part-time Females	Employed Total Males	Employed Total Females	Unem- ployed Males	Unem- ployed Females	Labour Force Males	Labour Force Females
ANNUAL AVERAGE ('000)										
1987-88	334.4	137.4	29.3	111.6	363.7	249.0	35.1	24.9	398.8	273.9
1988-89	345.5	145.3	29.7	115.8	375.2	261.1	32.2	22.5	407.4	283.6
1989-90	352.0	149.3	31.5	119.8	383.5	269.1	28.5	20.9	412.0	290.0
1990-91	345.2	148.4	34.1	125.7	379.3	274.1	37.8	25.3	417.1	299.4
1991-92	323.3	145.7	37.5	121.6	360.8	267.3	50.0	29.3	410.8	296.6
1992-93	322.2	143.2	39.2	126.8	361.4	270.0	51.9	29.9	413.3	299.9
1993-94	322.0	146.3	40.0	127.0	362.0	273.3	47.3	29.9	409.3	303.2
1994-95	323.1	151.5	42.6	131.3	365.7	282.8	44.6	28.7	410.3	311.5
1995-96	325.2	150.0	45.5	136.7	370.7	286.7	42.6	26.0	413.2	312.7
1996-97	320.8	150.5	48.6	140.7	369.4	291.2	42.1	27.5	411.5	318.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE										
1988-89	3.3	5.7	1.4	3.8	3.2	4.9	-8.3	-9.6	2.2	3.5
1989-90	1.9	2.8	6.1	3.5	2.2	3.1	-11.5	-7.1	1.1	2.3
1990-91	-1.9	-0.6	8.3	4.9	-1.1	1.9	32.6	21.1	1.2	3.2
1991-92	-6.3	-1.8	10.0	-3.3	-4.9	-2.5	32.3	15.8	-1.5	-0.9
1992-93	-0.3	-1.7	4.5	4.3	0.2	1.0	3.8	2.0	0.6	1.1
1993-94	-0.1	2.2	2.0	0.2	0.2	1.2	-8.9	0.0	-1.0	1.1
1994-95	0.3	3.6	6.5	3.4	1.0	3.5	-5.7	-4.0	0.2	2.7
1995-96	0.6	-1.0	6.8	4.1	1.4	1.4	-4.5	-9.4	0.7	0.4
1996-97	-1.4	0.4	6.8	2.9	-0.4	1.6	-1.1	5.7	-0.4	1.9
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL ('000)										
1996 - 97 -										
August	315.9	148.2	49.9	142.0	365.8	290.2	41.3	26.6	407.1	316.8
September	316.7	152.0	49.0	141.5	365.7	293.5	43.0	27.5	408.7	320.9
October	321.0	151.8	45.9	140.5	366.9	292.3	40.7	27.0	407.6	319.4
November	321.0	149.7	47.8	138.9	368.7	288.7	41.3	25.1	410.0	313.7
December	327.6	153.0	46.3	139.7	373.8	292.7	41.3	29.3	415.1	322.0
January	321.3	151.3	44.8	133.5	366.2	284.8	44.9	28.8	411.0	313.6
February	320.5	152.4	47.6	140.0	368.1	292.3	44.2	30.2	412.3	322.5
March	318.6	148.6	54.9	145.6	373.5	294.1	41.6	29.5	415.1	323.6
April	319.9	148.2	49.3	143.2	369.2	291.5	43.8	27.4	413.0	318.8
May	318.3	149.2	51.6	140.2	369.9	289.4	44.0	25.7	413.9	315.1
June	324.9	151.1	49.1	141.6	374.0	292.7	41.4	26.8	415.4	319.5
1997 - 98 -										
July	325.9	149.3	47.5	140.1	373.4	289.4	40.9	27.0	414.3	316.5
August	323.3	143.2	50.0	142.8	373.2	286.0	42.1	25.6	415.3	311.6
MONTHLY, TREND ('000)										
1996 - 97 -										
August	319.7	150.8	48.7	140.4	368.4	291.2	41.2	27.6	409.6	318.9
September	319.4	150.6	48.4	140.4	367.8	291.0	41.5	27.7	409.3	318.7
October	319.5	150.4	48.1	140.4	367.6	290.8	41.7	27.7	409.3	318.5
November	320.1	150.2	47.6	140.8	367.7	291.0	41.7	27.5	409.4	318.5
December	320.7	150.1	47.3	141.3	368.0	291.4	41.6	27.3	409.6	318.7
January	321.1	150.1	47.6	141.9	368.7	292.0	41.6	27.1	410.3	319.1
February	321.2	150.3	48.1	142.1	369.3	292.4	42.0	27.1	411.3	319.5
March	321.1	150.6	48.9	141.8	370.0	292.4	42.6	27.1	412.6	319.5
April	321.4	150.6	49.4	141.2	370.8	291.8	43.1	27.3	413.9	319.1
May	322.1	150.4	49.7	140.2	371.8	290.6	43.4	27.5	415.2	318.1
June	323.2	149.8	49.7	139.4	372.9	289.2	43.5	27.8	416.4	317.0
1997 - 98 -										
July	324.3	149.1	49.7	138.8	374.0	287.9	43.4	28.0	417.4	315.9
August	325.4	148.3	49.4	138.5	374.8	286.8	43.2	28.2	418.0	315.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND										
1996 - 97 -										
September	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
October	0.0	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1
November	0.2	-0.1	-1.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.7	0.0	0.0
December	0.2	-0.1	-0.6	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.7	0.0	0.1
January	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.7	0.2	0.1
February	0.0	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
March	0.0	0.2	1.7	-0.2	0.2	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.3	0.0
April	0.1	0.0	1.0	-0.4	0.2	-0.2	1.2	0.7	0.3	-0.1
May	0.2	-0.1	0.6	-0.7	0.3	-0.4	0.7	0.7	0.3	-0.3
June	0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.6	0.3	-0.5	0.2	1.1	0.3	-0.3
1997 - 98 -										
July	0.3	-0.5	0.0	-0.4	0.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.7	0.2	-0.3
August	0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.5	0.7	0.1	-0.3

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Period	Civilian Population aged 15 and over Males ('000)	Civilian Population aged 15 and over Females ('000)	Unemploy- ment rate Ages 15-19 Persons (%)	Unemploy- ment rate All Ages Males (%)	Unemploy- ment rate All Ages Females (%)	Unemploy- ment rate All Ages Persons (%)	Partici- pation rate Males (%)	Partici- pation rate Females (%)	Partici- pation rate Persons (%)
ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1987-88	542.4	560.0	20.8	8.8	9.1	8.9	73.5	48.9	61.0
1988-89	547.9	566.9	17.8	7.9	7.9	7.9	74.3	50.0	62.0
1989-90	552.4	573.4	16.2	6.9	7.2	7.1	74.6	50.6	62.4
1990-91	558.3	579.8	19.2	9.1	8.4	8.8	74.7	51.6	63.0
1991-92	563.9	585.4	25.0	12.1	9.9	11.2	72.9	50.7	61.6
1992-93	567.4	588.9	26.6	12.6	10.0	11.5	72.8	51.0	61.7
1993-94	570.6	592.0	28.3	11.5	9.8	10.8	71.7	51.2	61.3
1994-95	573.7	594.7	25.2	10.9	9.2	10.2	71.5	52.4	61.8
1995-96	576.2	597.1	27.2	10.3	8.3	9.5	71.7	52.4	61.9
1996-97	579.8	600.6	23.7	10.2	8.6	9.5	71.0	53.1	61.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1988-89	1.0	1.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1989-90	0.8	1.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1990-91	1.1	1.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1991-92	1.0	1.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1992-93	0.6	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1993-94	0.6	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1994-95	0.6	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1995-96	0.4	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1996-97	0.6	0.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
1995 - 96 - June	577.6	598.5	22.4	9.3	7.5	8.5	70.6	53.0	61.7
1996 - 97 - July	578.0	598.9	24.1	9.3	8.1	8.8	70.7	53.2	61.8
August	578.4	599.2	23.8	10.2	8.4	9.4	70.4	52.9	61.5
September	578.8	599.6	23.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	70.6	53.5	61.9
October	579.1	599.9	20.7	10.0	8.5	9.3	70.4	53.2	61.7
November	579.5	600.2	22.2	10.1	8.0	9.2	70.8	52.3	61.4
December	579.8	600.5	25.9	9.9	9.1	9.6	71.6	53.6	62.5
January	580.0	600.7	22.9	10.9	9.2	10.2	70.9	52.2	61.4
February	580.3	601.0	23.5	10.7	9.4	10.1	71.1	53.7	62.2
March	580.5	601.2	22.7	10.0	9.1	9.6	71.5	53.8	62.5
April	580.8	601.5	26.7	10.6	8.6	9.7	71.1	53.0	61.9
May	581.1	601.8	23.7	10.6	8.2	9.6	71.2	52.4	61.6
June	581.5	602.2	24.3	10.0	8.4	9.3	71.4	53.1	62.1
1997 - 98 - July	581.9	602.6	21.6	9.9	8.5	9.3	71.2	52.5	61.7
August	582.3	602.9	21.2	10.1	8.2	9.3	71.3	51.7	61.3
MONTHLY, TREND									
1995 - 96 - June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.0	8.5	9.4	71.1	53.1	61.9
1996 - 97 - July				10.0	8.6	9.4	70.9	53.2	61.9
August				10.1	8.7	9.4	70.8	53.2	61.9
September				10.1	8.7	9.5	70.7	53.1	61.8
October				10.2	8.7	9.5	70.7	53.1	61.7
November				10.2	8.6	9.5	70.6	53.1	61.7
December				10.1	8.6	9.5	70.6	53.1	61.7
January				10.1	8.5	9.4	70.7	53.1	61.8
February				10.2	8.5	9.5	70.9	53.2	61.9
March				10.3	8.5	9.5	71.1	53.1	62.0
April				10.4	8.6	9.6	71.3	53.0	62.0
May				10.5	8.7	9.7	71.5	52.9	62.0
June				10.4	8.8	9.7	71.6	52.6	62.0
1997 - 98 July				10.4	8.9	9.7	71.7	52.4	61.9
August				10.3	8.9	9.7	71.8	52.2	61.8

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Period	Employed Males (000)	Employed Females (000)	Unemployed Males (000)	Unemployed Females (000)	Unemploy- ment rate Males (%)	Unemploy- ment rate Females (%)	Participa- tion rate Males (%)	Participa- tion rate Females (%)
ADELAIDE STATISTICAL DIVISION								
1993 - 94 -								
February	261.3	202.7	39.4	25.8	13.1	11.3	71.6	51.2
May	265.2	207.0	34.0	24.3	11.4	10.5	71.1	51.8
1994 - 95 -								
August	260.9	209.8	36.6	23.3	12.3	10.0	70.6	52.1
November	261.7	212.6	33.2	23.1	11.3	9.8	69.9	52.6
February	267.9	209.6	35.8	24.7	11.8	10.6	71.9	52.3
May	264.7	212.0	34.6	22.0	11.6	9.4	70.8	52.2
1995 - 96 -								
August	263.1	215.3	33.9	19.4	11.4	8.3	70.2	52.3
November	265.3	212.3	32.8	17.0	11.0	7.4	70.4	51.1
February	265.0	212.1	37.3	22.7	12.3	9.7	71.3	51.2
May	264.7	218.5	32.7	21.1	11.0	8.8	70.0	53.2
1996 - 97 -								
August	266.0	214.4	31.3	21.0	10.5	8.9	69.8	52.2
November	264.5	219.4	32.7	20.8	11.0	8.7	69.7	53.3
February	263.3	218.1	34.7	23.4	11.6	9.7	69.7	53.4
May	267.9	213.4	32.5	20.8	10.8	8.9	70.2	51.7
1997 - 98 -								
August	271.3	209.7	31.2	20.4	10.3	8.9	70.6	50.8
ASD: NORTHERN ADELAIDE								
1993 - 94 -								
February	79.3	60.9	12.1	9.1	13.2	13.0	74.6	52.9
May	82.7	59.9	9.7	9.1	10.5	13.1	75.3	53.1
1994 - 95 -								
August	83.0	62.8	11.7	7.6	12.4	10.8	75.9	52.5
November	80.7	62.8	12.9	6.9	13.8	9.9	73.0	51.6
February	82.8	63.7	13.4	8.1	13.9	11.3	74.7	54.8
May	82.7	60.9	12.1	8.1	12.7	11.7	75.8	52.5
1995 - 96 -								
August	81.6	64.8	14.1	7.7	14.8	10.6	75.2	53.4
November	83.4	67.2	11.8	6.1	12.4	8.3	75.5	54.3
February	85.3	70.3	12.9	6.5	13.1	8.5	77.6	56.5
May	90.1	73.1	10.5	6.1	10.5	7.7	77.2	56.6
1996 - 97 -								
August	85.8	67.3	11.2	6.9	11.5	9.2	76.2	59.2
November	85.7	67.3	11.1	7.7	11.5	10.2	75.6	55.6
February	84.7	65.6	10.8	7.5	11.3	10.2	73.2	52.2
May	84.2	63.5	12.6	7.0	13.0	10.0	72.9	50.4
1997 - 98 -								
August	85.2	63.2	11.9	6.4	12.2	9.2	72.7	49.6
ASD: WESTERN ADELAIDE								
1993 - 94 -								
February	48.4	35.7	10.7	5.4	18.0	13.2	67.5	44.1
May	50.7	39.5	9.2	4.3	15.3	9.9	68.0	46.4
1994 - 95 -								
August	48.2	38.8	9.2	4.6	16.0	10.7	66.1	46.7
November	47.5	39.3	7.2	6.4	13.2	13.9	64.7	48.2
February	45.7	39.0	5.9	5.4	11.4	12.1	64.0	46.5
May	48.7	38.4	6.5	4.5	11.8	10.5	67.1	46.9
1995 - 96 -								
August	47.8	36.9	7.6	3.4	13.8	8.4	65.9	46.7
November	47.1	38.2	7.9	3.2	14.4	7.8	63.8	47.1
February	44.0	36.8	9.5	5.1	17.8	12.3	62.5	46.9
May	41.8	36.7	7.5	3.3	15.2	8.1	60.1	48.5
1996 - 97 -								
August	45.0	36.7	7.6	4.8	14.5	11.6	62.0	45.0
November	46.3	40.7	6.5	3.3	12.3	7.6	62.4	47.5
February	50.1	39.1	8.3	4.8	14.2	10.9	65.0	50.1
May	48.8	37.2	8.3	5.1	14.6	12.1	62.7	46.8
1997 - 98 -								
August	46.8	36.0	6.2	4.4	11.3	10.9	63.1	45.7

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Period	Employed Males (<i>'000</i>)	Employed Females (<i>'000</i>)	Unem- ployed Males (<i>'000</i>)	Unem- ployed Females (<i>'000</i>)	Unemploy- ment rate Males (%)	Unemploy- ment rate Females (%)	Participa- tion rate Males (%)	Participa- tion rate Females (%)
ASD: EASTERN ADELAIDE								
1993 - 94 -								
February	54.9	45.2	6.5	4.1	10.6	8.3	71.0	55.1
May	54.2	47.7	6.0	4.4	9.9	8.4	69.5	54.8
1994 - 95 -								
August	56.0	50.5	6.2	3.8	9.9	7.0	71.8	58.8
November	58.8	50.7	5.4	2.4	8.5	4.5	72.1	59.3
February	59.4	45.8	7.4	3.8	11.0	7.7	74.2	54.5
May	58.5	45.2	6.5	3.5	10.0	7.2	69.7	53.6
1995 - 96 -								
August	56.4	46.6	4.8	2.5	7.9	5.2	70.9	53.6
November	54.3	45.9	5.2	*1.9	8.7	*4.0	70.4	51.2
February	53.0	43.9	5.4	4.9	9.3	10.0	69.3	52.2
May	51.4	44.1	4.2	4.4	7.5	9.1	65.6	52.2
1996 - 97 -								
August	54.4	43.5	4.4	3.1	7.5	6.7	66.6	52.1
November	54.2	44.2	5.6	3.0	9.3	6.4	68.0	53.1
February	50.8	49.3	7.0	5.0	12.1	9.2	68.5	57.4
May	55.7	47.4	4.5	*2.1	7.4	*4.2	71.7	54.6
1997 - 98 -								
August	55.5	43.2	4.9	2.2	8.1	4.9	72.1	49.9
ASD: SOUTHERN ADELAIDE								
1993 - 94 -								
February	78.7	60.9	10.1	7.2	11.4	10.6	71.9	52.0
May	77.6	59.9	9.1	6.6	10.5	9.9	70.3	52.1
1994 - 95 -								
August	73.7	57.8	9.5	7.3	11.4	11.2	67.4	50.8
November	74.7	59.8	7.6	7.5	9.3	11.1	68.5	52.4
February	80.0	61.1	9.2	7.5	10.4	10.9	72.5	52.5
May	74.8	67.5	9.5	5.9	11.3	8.0	69.0	54.6
1995 - 96 -								
August	77.4	66.9	7.3	5.7	8.6	7.9	67.6	53.9
November	80.4	61.0	7.9	5.7	8.9	8.6	69.7	50.4
February	82.7	61.1	9.5	6.2	10.3	9.2	72.1	51.4
May	81.3	64.6	10.5	7.3	11.4	10.2	71.9	53.5
1996 - 97 -								
August	80.7	66.9	8.1	6.1	9.1	8.4	70.9	55.2
November	78.3	67.3	9.5	6.8	10.8	9.2	69.7	54.9
February	77.6	64.1	8.7	6.1	10.0	8.7	70.4	54.2
May	79.2	65.2	7.1	6.6	8.2	9.2	71.8	54.7
1997 - 98 -								
August	81.7	67.3	8.2	7.3	9.2	9.8	72.4	56.0
BALANCE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Excludes ASD)								
1993 - 94 -								
February	98.3	69.6	10.7	7.7	9.8	10.0	72.1	52.8
May	98.6	67.3	9.8	6.7	9.0	9.1	71.6	50.5
1994 - 95 -								
August	101.9	69.6	7.8	5.5	7.1	7.3	72.6	51.2
November	102.6	69.2	9.0	6.6	8.1	8.7	73.7	51.7
February	103.9	73.0	9.6	6.1	8.5	7.7	74.8	53.8
May	103.2	76.3	8.6	4.1	7.7	5.1	73.5	54.6
1995 - 96 -								
August	105.9	73.0	9.5	4.7	8.2	6.0	75.8	52.7
November	107.2	73.0	7.6	6.5	6.7	8.2	75.4	53.9
February	105.0	70.5	9.5	6.9	8.3	8.9	75.2	52.3
May	101.9	73.1	8.7	5.7	7.9	7.3	72.6	53.2
1996 - 97 -								
August	99.8	75.7	10.0	5.7	9.1	7.0	72.0	54.8
November	102.4	72.9	8.0	6.2	7.3	7.8	72.3	53.2
February	104.9	74.2	9.5	6.8	8.3	8.4	74.8	54.3
May	102.0	76.0	11.5	4.9	10.2	6.1	74.1	54.2
1997 - 98 -								
August	102.0	76.4	10.9	5.2	9.6	6.4	73.5	54.4

* Estimate has a relative standard error exceeding 25%. It is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES
South Australia

Period	Full-time adults						All employees		
	Ordinary time earnings			Total earnings			Males	Females	Persons
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons			
ANNUAL AVERAGE (\$ per week)									
1986-87	431.80	363.70	412.20	455.90	370.20	431.20	411.80	268.90	352.20
1987-88	458.60	389.70	438.40	485.00	397.00	459.20	440.10	295.10	379.60
1988-89	481.50	424.30	465.70	517.60	435.10	494.90	473.40	315.10	408.50
1989-90	517.50	454.90	499.40	560.70	466.50	533.50	511.60	338.00	437.80
1990-91	561.30	486.10	537.90	598.90	496.10	566.90	546.70	358.10	462.00
1991-92	588.40	524.10	567.80	624.90	534.00	595.80	564.80	386.90	483.70
1992-93	610.10	534.90	585.40	646.40	546.80	613.70	560.00	382.60	477.40
1993-94	625.10	547.60	600.00	667.50	560.10	632.70	595.10	396.60	503.30
1994-95	632.70	559.10	608.20	681.70	572.50	645.30	599.90	411.90	513.40
1995-96	653.80	555.90	622.80	703.15	568.50	660.05	620.10	403.90	520.65
1996-97	678.20	575.10	644.33	735.08	589.35	687.20	636.85	408.73	529.78
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1987-88	6.2	7.1	6.4	6.4	7.2	6.5	6.9	9.7	7.8
1988-89	5.0	8.9	6.2	6.7	9.6	7.8	7.6	6.8	7.6
1989-90	7.5	7.2	7.2	8.3	7.2	7.8	8.1	7.3	7.2
1990-91	8.5	6.9	7.7	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.9	5.9	5.5
1991-92	4.8	7.8	5.6	4.3	7.6	5.1	3.3	8.0	4.7
1992-93	3.7	2.1	3.1	3.4	2.4	3.0	-0.8	-1.1	-1.3
1993-94	2.5	2.4	2.5	3.3	2.4	3.1	6.3	3.7	5.4
1994-95	1.2	2.1	1.4	2.1	2.2	2.0	0.8	3.9	2.0
1995-96	3.3	-0.6	2.4	3.1	-0.7	2.3	3.4	-1.9	1.4
1996-97	3.7	3.5	3.5	4.5	3.7	4.1	2.7	1.2	1.8
QUARTERLY (\$ per week)									
1994 - 95 -									
19 August	628.20	553.70	602.60	674.20	566.70	637.20	591.40	410.80	507.40
18 November	619.10	558.00	598.60	667.50	572.80	635.70	586.90	410.20	505.10
17 February	648.40	560.80	619.90	699.90	572.80	658.50	620.10	415.80	527.90
19 May	635.10	563.90	611.70	685.20	577.80	649.90	601.10	410.80	513.30
1995 - 96 -									
18 August	639.90	560.10	613.80	684.50	571.80	647.60	600.80	408.60	510.20
17 November	647.60	549.20	616.10	693.10	560.90	650.90	607.60	396.30	510.60
16 February	658.90	557.20	626.30	713.60	569.50	667.30	631.40	402.40	527.20
17 May	668.90	557.10	633.80	721.40	571.80	674.40	640.50	408.30	534.60
1996 - 97 -									
16 August	666.70	562.40	632.40	720.10	574.40	672.30	628.50	403.60	523.60
15 November	669.60	575.30	639.50	728.30	591.80	684.80	626.80	402.30	522.20
21 February	685.60	578.20	649.70	741.90	594.00	692.40	639.80	409.50	530.80
16 May	690.90	584.50	655.70	750.00	597.20	699.30	652.30	419.50	542.50
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING REFERENCE DATE IN PREVIOUS YEAR									
1995 - 96 -									
17 November	4.6	-1.6	2.9	3.8	-2.1	2.4	3.5	-3.4	1.1
16 February	1.6	-0.6	1.0	2.0	-0.6	1.3	1.8	-3.2	-0.1
17 May	5.3	-1.2	3.6	5.3	-1.0	3.8	6.6	-0.6	4.1
1996 - 97 -									
16 August	4.2	0.4	3.0	5.2	0.5	3.8	4.6	-1.2	2.6
15 November	3.4	4.8	3.8	5.1	5.5	5.2	3.2	1.5	2.3
21 February	4.1	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.3	3.8	1.3	1.8	0.7
16 May	3.3	4.9	3.5	4.0	4.4	3.7	1.8	2.7	1.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REFERENCE DATE									
1994 - 95 -									
17 February	4.7	0.5	3.6	4.9	0.0	3.6	5.7	1.4	4.5
19 May	-2.1	0.6	-1.3	-2.1	0.9	-1.3	-3.1	-1.2	-2.8
1995 - 96 -									
18 August	0.8	-0.7	0.3	-0.1	-1.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.6
17 November	1.2	-1.9	0.4	1.3	-1.9	0.5	1.1	-3.0	0.1
16 February	1.7	1.5	1.7	3.0	1.5	2.5	3.9	1.5	3.3
17 May	1.5	0.0	1.2	1.1	0.4	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.4
1996 - 97 -									
16 August	-0.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.3	-1.9	-1.2	-2.1
15 November	0.4	2.3	1.1	1.1	3.0	1.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
21 February	2.4	0.5	1.6	1.9	0.4	1.1	2.1	1.8	1.6
16 May	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.5	1.0	2.0	2.4	2.2

FINANCE COMMITMENTS **South Australia**

<i>Secured housing finance commitments to individuals</i>						
<i>Construction and purchase of dwellings</i>						
<i>Period</i>	<i>Number of dwelling units</i>	<i>Amount (\$ million)</i>	<i>Alterations and additions (\$ million)</i>	<i>Personal finance commitments (\$ million)</i>	<i>Commercial finance commitments (\$ million)</i>	<i>Lease finance commitments (\$ million)</i>
ANNUAL						
1987-88	26,582	1,266.6	47.0	1,448.9	6,486.6	392.1
1988-89	29,977	1,574.2	51.4	1,534.1	7,285.5	512.4
1989-90	25,650	1,438.2	45.8	1,525.7	6,926.4	445.4
1990-91	28,694	1,731.3	58.8	1,503.6	6,257.0	323.2
1991-92	31,765	2,083.8	88.8	1,456.7	6,667.9	256.2
1992-93	36,960	2,569.5	102.8	1,656.9	5,122.5	249.5
1993-94	45,725	3,387.9	221.8	1,840.3	5,467.2	250.6
1994-95	36,429	2,879.7	242.2	2,152.2	5,405.6	271.4
1995-96	38,707	2,982.2	240.7	2,211.5	6,516.2	265.4
1996-97	36,680	2,956.1	188.1	2,612.0	6,092.4	232.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1988-89	12.8	24.3	9.4	5.9	12.3	30.7
1989-90	-14.4	-8.6	-10.9	-0.5	-4.9	-13.1
1990-91	11.9	20.4	28.4	-1.4	-9.7	-27.4
1991-92	10.7	20.4	51.0	-3.1	6.6	-20.7
1992-93	16.4	23.3	15.8	13.7	-23.2	-2.6
1993-94	23.7	31.9	115.7	11.1	6.7	0.5
1994-95	-20.3	-15.0	9.2	16.9	-1.1	8.3
1995-96	6.3	3.6	-0.6	2.8	20.5	-2.2
1996-97	-5.2	-0.9	-21.9	18.1	-6.5	-12.6
MONTHLY						
1995 - 96 -						
May	3,276	252.0	18.9	192.4	773.7	24.8
June	2,707	213.6	26.1	182.0	627.7	31.3
1996 - 97 -						
July	3,013	237.8	21.7	188.3	656.7	22.8
August	2,776	216.9	18.8	180.8	444.0	18.9
September	3,064	250.6	19.4	175.0	491.6	22.2
October	2,965	233.6	14.0	203.6	444.8	15.3
November	3,115	248.1	14.2	188.8	541.7	17.8
December	2,995	251.5	13.1	220.7	615.6	19.2
January	2,885	231.3	15.3	221.0	409.1	13.7
February	3,013	246.6	16.4	214.4	415.3	15.3
March	3,117	251.4	12.9	241.7	526.5	13.9
April	3,318	270.4	15.5	251.6	487.5	21.6
May	3,228	264.5	14.8	251.7	561.6	20.7
June	3,172	253.3	11.9	249.8	497.9	30.6
1997 - 98 -						
July	3,004	243.4	10.8	257.4	640.2	30.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH						
1995 - 96 -						
June	-17.4	-15.2	37.9	-5.4	-18.9	26.2
1996 - 97 -						
July	11.3	11.3	-16.8	3.4	4.6	-27.1
August	-7.9	-8.8	-13.4	-4.0	-32.4	-17.2
September	10.4	15.5	3.4	-3.2	10.7	17.8
October	-3.2	-6.8	-27.9	16.3	-9.5	-31.2
November	5.1	6.2	1.6	-7.3	21.8	16.6
December	-3.9	1.4	-8.4	16.9	13.6	7.7
January	-3.7	-8.0	17.5	0.1	-33.5	-28.6
February	4.4	6.6	7.0	-3.0	1.5	11.5
March	3.5	2.0	-21.3	12.8	26.8	-8.7
April	6.4	7.5	19.6	4.1	-7.4	55.3
May	-2.7	-2.2	-4.3	0.0	15.2	-4.2
June	-1.7	-4.2	-19.8	-0.7	-11.3	47.6
1997 - 98 -						
July	-5.3	-3.9	-9.0	3.1	28.6	-2.1

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